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The Last Nights

And *last chance* for elegant gifts at the Universalist Fair, City Hall.

Fine Grates,

Summer Fronts and Fenders, for sale at very low rates by Bissell & Co., No. 25 Liberty street. sMW

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OUR CHURCHES.

Denominational and Personal.

WATCH MEETINGS were held in several of the Methodist and Methodist Episcopal Churches on Tuesday night, the services beginning, generally, at nine o'clock, P. M. The First Methodist Church, East Common, Allegheny, enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable service, there being a large attendance, notwithstanding the storm. The pastor, Rev. V. Lucas, introduced the exercises by appropriate remarks, and the devotions were conducted solemnly till midnight, when the New Year was welcomed with songs of joy and happy congratulations among the brethren.

A very interesting meeting of a similar character was held in the South Common Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. S. M. Hickman, pastor.

IT is reliably stated that Rev. Dr. Morgan, the highly esteemed and able pastor of Christ M. E. Church, owing to the continued ill-health of his wife, will retire from his pastorate next March, at the session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, and seek a clearer atmosphere elsewhere. Dr. Morgan has succeeded to an eminent degree in promoting the interests of the church and cause of Christ in this city, by his pulpit and pastoral work, and will leave hosts of friends among all denominations.

THE Fair and Lecture at the Third Methodist Church, Pennsylvania avenue (Rev. J. Robison's) closed last night after a week's pleasant and profitable work. The ladies of this church deserve great credit for the good taste displayed in the arrangement of the tables, and in furnishing such delightful entertainment to all the visitors. The church has been aided to a considerable extent financially, and all parties are more than satisfied with the agreeable results of the Fair.

THE preaching at the Old Theater, Fifth street, during the past few Sabbath evenings, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, has been largely attended, and mostly, as is the design of the appointment, by persons who are not in the habit of church going. Col. Clark, D.D., preached an able discourse last Sunday night to a crowded and very attentive audience.

REV. HERRICK JOHNSON, D.D., has received a unanimous call to become pastor of the Washington Square Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, (late Albert Barnes's.) This information is reliable. It is not yet announced whether he will accept.

A GREAT revival has followed the labors of Rev. E. M. Long, (the gentleman who delivered a series of panorama sermons in this city recently,) in the First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, where he spent the week immediately before coming to Pittsburgh. A similar revival attends his present labors in Philadelphia. The inqui y meetings are crowded, and there are many conversions. When Mr. Long was in this city, a few weeks ago, the weather was exceedingly unpropitious, and the Christian attendance not so large as could have been desired, and he labored under some disadvantage, yet those who heard his series through, were edified in mind and renewed in zeal.

A VERY interesting Sabbath School Convention has just closed a two days session in New Cumberland, West Virginia. The exercises were highly edifying, and all who were in attendance were greatly pleased and profited. J. H. Atkinson, Esq., was one of the leading spirits in the movement, and whatever engages his efforts is likely to be successful and of public advantage.

THE third of the series of sermons, "The Gospel in the Trees," will be preached to-morrow evening by the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Fifth street, Rev. Alex. Clark. Special topic, "The Olive Tree."

THE colored Presbyterians of Pittsburgh are going to have a church of their own. It will be organized on Sunday, January 12, at which time the elders will be chosen and ordained. The ceremonies are to take place in the Sixth Presbyterian Church.

THE Methodist Episcopalians of Monongahela City are completing a new and elegant church building, which will be dedicated next Sunday by Rev. Dr. Pershing, of Pittsburgh.

A Washington special says: On the 30th of October Postmaster General Randall advertised for wrapping paper and twine for the Postoffice Department for four years. From the fact that the Postmaster General will retire with the present administration, which has little more than one year to run, occasioned surprise that he should attempt to discount the patronage of his successor in this manner. For some unexplained reason, on the twelfth of December, Mr. Randall withdrew the four year advertisement and inserted a new one. As it now appears in the papers, the advertisement calls for wrapping paper and twine for one year, but a comparison of this with the one withdrawn, shows the quantities of materials called for are precisely the same in both. What Mr. Randall estimated in the first instance as sufficient for four years, he now insists will only be sufficient for one year. There are over twenty-nine tons of twine required, and over 25,000 reams of paper, and this for Washington and New York alone. The proposals amount to a hundred thousand dollars, and yet his only publicity has been in an obscure corner of a Washington paper one week for four weeks. The matter has attracted attention here, and will probably be made the subject of Congressional inquiry.

Health of Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens, who has recently been more than usually indisposed from the effects of a cold, was considerably better yesterday, and during the day received the visits of a large number of his friends, with whom he conversed in quite a cheerful manner. His attending physician is of the opinion that Mr. Stevens will be able to resume his seat in the House at the reassembling of Congress, on the 6th inst.—*Washington Chronicle, Monday.*

The Presbyterians in New York are attempting to raise $30,000 to erect a church in Rio Janeiro, the capital of Brazil. A Presbyterian church has been organized there, with seventy members. They meet in a room which seats over two hundred; yet the accommodations are too limited for the number who assemble for worship, and it is believed that a chapel seating eight hundred would soon be filled with earnest listeners and workers. The Congregationalists have also projected a church at Rio.

In the case of Morris Gratz against the proprietors of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, claiming twenty thousand dollars for an alleged libel, the verdict of the jury was five dollars for the plaintiff.

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THE CAPITAL.

GEN. MEADE GONE TO GEORGIA.

Eighth of January Demonstration.

The President to be Present.

The Rights of Americans Abroad.

Revision of the Army Regulations.

Internal Revenue Receipts Increasing.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3, 1868.

Left for His Post.

General Meade arrived in town last evening, and after a brief interview with the President and General Grant, left this morning for Atlanta, Georgia, to assume command of the Fourth Military District, vice General Pope relieved. Such instructions as are asked for by General Meade will be forwarded to him.

The Cabinet.

Nothing of unusual interest transpired at the White House to-day. The Cabinet met as usual. All the members were present. The session was of rather brief duration, the members retiring at an early hour.

Eighth of January Demonstration.

The President has signified his intention of being present at the banquet to be given here on next Wednesday evening, January 8th. It is expected that two hundred and fifty guests will be present. Ex-Judge Dunlap, of this District, will preside.

American Citizenship.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs are prepared to make an elaborate report on the question of the rights of American citizens abroad, in obedience to numerous inquiries and resolutions referred to them by the House. It will recommend additional legislation regarding the protection of American citizens.

Army Regulations.

General Sheridan is expected here to-morrow. He, with Generals Sherman and Auger, is on the Board to revise the Army Regulations, and it is understood that the Board will meet next week to enter upon its work, about which there is great interest among military officials.

The Public Debt.

The regular statement of the public debt for the month of December will be issued on Monday next, the 6th inst., but will show no reduction.

Revenue Increased.

The Internal Revenue receipts again exhibited an increase to-day, and reached as high as a million and a half dollars for the first time in many weeks.

WASHINGTON, January 3, 1868.

PERSONAL.

General Grant proposes leaving this city for New York to-night, to remain there several days.

Major General Meade left this morning for Atlanta, Georgia, to assume command of the Third Military District.

Alexander H. Stevens, of Georgia, writes from Philadelphia to a friend here that his physical constitution is very feeble and he is hardly able at times to sit up in bed. He is expected here about the middle of next week.

Judge Sharkey, of Mississippi, has arrived.

THE INDIAN COMMISSION.

The Indian Peace Commission met this morning. After a brief session the preparation of a report was allotted to Mr. Henderson. He intends to have the report ready by Monday next, when the Commission again assembles.

COMMODORE BOGGS

Expects to start for the West Indies on the 10th of this month, in temporary command of the Dacotah, Sioux and Penobscot. These vessels will be turned over to the command of Admiral Hoff, when he secures a flagship. No Government officials will accompany the Commodore to St. Thomas.

VIRGINIA STATE OFFICERS TO BE REMOVED.

A report is current that General Schofield will shortly remove the State officers of Virginia and others.

A PROCLAMATION TO SOUTHERNERS.

The President intends soon to issue a proclamation to the white people in the Southern States, advising them to send delegates to the approaching National Convention.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Will probably be sent to Congress soon after reassembling, upon the situation of affairs in the South, which the President regards of the most alarming character. Official advices at hand bear out fully the accounts received by letters and through the press, and he feared a reign of terror and starvation will exist unless prompt measures are taken to prevent so great a calamity.

RECONSTRUCTION.

A prominent Radical living in Georgia writes that if upon reassembling Congress will within ten or fifteen days so amend the reconstruction laws as to permit a majority of the actual voters to adopt the new constitution, and also take the power to appoint civil officers away from the military commanders and give it to the present State Conventions, so they can appropriate their own officers, the whole work can be carried by from thirty to fifty thousand majority. Otherwise the danger is great that the object for which the Convention assembled will be defeated.

THE WHISKY TAX.

It is stated the Sub-Committee on Ways and Means has resolved to hold no more meetings for the present in regard to the whisky tax. Important reforms in the administration of the Internal Revenue Bureau have been talked over by the sub-committee, and will be recommended to the general committee for adoption. The subject will be presented to Congress at an early period.

BATTLE IN CRETE.

Official Cretan accounts of the 23 of December report a battle fought between the Christians and Turks on the 25th and 26th of November, in the village of Lake, in which the latter were defeated and obliged to retire with severe loss. The position of the Sultan's Grand Vizier in Candia becomes daily more critical.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Inauguration of Gov. Bullock---His Views on National Affairs.

BOSTON, January 3.—Governor Bullock was inaugurated to-day. His message reports that the progress of education was never so encouraging. The funded debt of the State is $24,000,000. The Governor, accepting the decision of the people, recommends a positive enactment for the regulation and control of the liquor traffic.

On national affairs he says: Let us hear no more of confiscation and attainder for the Southern masses. Let us make an end of illiberal legislation, and while compromising on principle for which we have contended, let us restore those lately in rebellion to equality of rights as speedily as is consistent with national safety.

The present obstacles to reconstruction must be removed as speedy end, whether imposed by unrepentant rebels, by a President who does not make treason odious, or by those whom his policy has deluded into renewed resistance. If embittered men refuse to accept the boon offered them, the responsibility, the shame and ruinous consequences will be theirs alone. If they are so blind to their own interest as to incite hostility between races, they will find the nation is strong, that the Government will maintain its guarantees. No rights of loyal men will be surrendered to effect any settlement whatsoever. Equality of rights and universal suffrage are irreversible facts.

In this dark hour of the nation's exigency we have need of a leader whose integrity is uncorrupted by political associations, and whose patriotism has not permitted him to descend to the arena of partisan warfare; of a tried leader of undaunted courage, who will be swayed neither by popular passion nor sectional prejudice; of a man of cautious reticence, who has no inconsistencies to explain, no policies to diminish, no theories to reconcile; of a leader who comprehends the position and relations of all sections of our common country, and will bring to the administration of public affairs executive ability, economical ideas, and an honest heart. It is manifest it is the same Providence which brought us safely through the storm of war that gives this whole people now, with singular unanimity, to recognize in a plain, unpretending citizen him whose energy, discretion and exalted patriotism will restore peace and prosperity to the discordant States, and a distracted land. The man for the crisis, the man for the hour, the man of the people, is Ulysses S. Grant. Before his pre-eminent fitness for the high office to which a grateful nation would elevate him, let personal preferences yield; let faction subside, that peace, good will and union may once more and forever abide throughout the Republic.

The two companies, each of which proposes to build a bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis, are more engaged in quarreling with each other than in doing the work for which they were chartered.

HARRISBURG.

THE LEGISLATORS ASSEMBLING.

Exciting Political Discussions.

CONTEST FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Hon. E. W. Davis's Chances Favorable.

Combinations on the Treasurership

The Clerkship of the House Between Russell and Stumbaugh.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

HARRISBURG, PA., January 3, 1868.

There are some fifty or sixty of the Republican members of the Legislature here to-night. Erie and most of the counties of the north and west are not yet here. Scarcely a Democrat can be seen. But the hotels, especially the Lochiel, the Jones House and the State Capital present a busy scene of exciting political discussion. All the candidates for prominent positions have arrived and are surrounded by their particular friends. Messrs. Davis, of Philadelphia, and McCamant, of Blair, are the two most prominent candidates for the Speakership of the House, and it is here that the contest will be the hottest. John Hickman, of Chester, is urged by his own section, but his friends are few. A. J. Herr, of Dauphin, is talked of by certain politicians of his own locality as a compromise against Davis.

The fortunes of the various candidates for the Clerkship will depend entirely upon the disposition of the Speakership. The candidates are Gen. A. L. Russell, Colonel Stumbaugh, Gordon S. Berry, J. R. McAfee, Assistant Clerk of the House last year, Gen. Selfridge and Colonel E. H. Rauch. Of these Russell and Stumbaugh are the bigger bears, and they stand towards each other as Davis to McCamant. The minor candidates will probably merge their influence with one or other of the principals. Davis and McCamant are both confident, and each claims that the other is compromising. The probabilities are in favor of Davis.

The contest for the State Treasurership is as violent to-night as that for the Speakership. There is every indication that the friends of General W. W. Irwin, of Beaver, and Gordon F. Mason, of Bradford, will unite for Davis for the Speakership. This, by mutual arrangement, will throw out Senator Connell, and leave the contest between Irwin and Mason. Davis holds the balance of power in the Philadelphia delegation, and this must injure Connell, whose main strength is in the East.

J. R. Dunglison has resigned his position as Private Secretary to the Governor, and Doctor Gibon, of Philadelphia, is appointed in his place. The Governor's letter, accepting the resignation, is flattering.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

Acquittal of a Serious Charge.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

FORT WAYNE, IND., January 3, 1867.

John Sharick, who has been on trial in this city for the past three weeks for alleged rape on the person of Miss Flora Saxton, was acquitted this morning. The jury was out about twenty-four hours. As the trial progressed there was very little doubt expressed as to the final result being favorable to the prisoner. Both parties to the suit moved in the highest circles of society.

NEW ORLEANS.

Resignation of Gov. Flanders---Johnson Baker Appointed in His Stead.

NEW ORLEANS, January 3.—Paragraph 8 of Special Order No. 2, Headquarters Fifth District, dated January 23, 1868, is as follows: His Excellency, B. F. Flanders, Governor of the State of Louisiana, having resigned that office, Mr. Johnson Baker is hereby appointed to the vacancy occasioned thereby. The same order assigns Brevet General R. C. Buchanan to duty as commander of the District of Louisiana, and Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau.

The *Times*, speaking of the new Governor, says he is a native of Kentucky, but an old citizen of Louisiana, and was a member of the Philadelphia Conservative Convention of 1866, that he is fully qualified under the reconstruction act, and can take the test oath.

The convention to-day resumed discussion of the equality question. After several amendments to Wickliff's substitute had been offered and voted down, the following was offered by Mr. Pinchback, and adopted: "Thirteenth article of the Constitution. All persons shall enjoy equal rights while traveling in this State in any conveyance of a public character." It further provides that all places where business is carried on by charter, or from which a license is required from either State, parish or municipal authority, shall be deemed of a public character, and shall be open to the accommodation and patronage of all persons without distinction or discrimination on account of race or color.

In reply to a communication from General Flanders, charging the police jury of the parish of Orleans, right bank, with official corruption and recommending their removal, General Hancock says these charges present a proper case for judicial investigation and determination, and it is evident that the courts of justice can afford adequate relief for the wrongs complained of if proved. He concludes that it is not advisable to resort to the measures suggested.

ST. LOUIS.

Meeting of National Monument Association at Springfield, Ill.---Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, January 3.—A meeting of the National Monument Association was held at Springfield, Ill., yesterday afternoon, Governor Oglesby in the Chair. The Executive Committee was instructed to prepare advertisements to architects or artists, soliciting designs and specifications for a monument on a basis of $250,000 fund, which advertisements are to be submitted to the meeting of the Association to be held next Thursday. The fund in the treasury contributed by private subscription amounts to $84,000, added to which is $50,000 appropriated by the State Legislature. Appeals to the State Legislatures for moderate appropriations will be continued during the current winter. It is the intention of the Association to commence the monument in the spring.

The jewelry store of Bond & Bro., in Columbia, Mo., was robbed on the night of the 30th ult. of $3,000 worth of jewelry, watches, silver ware and money. No clue to the robbers.

VIRGINIA.

The Reconstruction Convention---Speech of Senator Pomeroy.

RICHMOND, January 3.—In the Convention to-day, a resolution was offered urging the continuance of the Freedmen's Bureau in the State, deprecating its withdrawal as a calamity, and requesting General Howard to continue it under such agents as may suit the purpose. After a long debate the resolution was adopted, yeas 52, nays 14.

Senator Pomeroy addressed a meeting at the African Church to-night. He advised the Convention to confer the right of suffrage on all males over twenty-one years, and secure it to them forever.

TERRIFIC GALE.

Cars Lifted from the Track---Five Men Injured.

HUDSON, N. Y., January 3.—On Wednesday a terrific gale swept along the line of the Harlem Railroad and the southeastern section of this county. The morning freight train, with a passenger car attached, was struck by the gale, and the passenger car and one platform car raised bodily from the track and precipitated down an embankment fifteen feet. There were five men in the car, who were more or less injured, but none seriously. In the descent the stove capsized and the car was set on fire, but the flames were extinguished before they gained much headway.

In New Haven, a woman in a fit of absence of mind, recently went away from a horse car, leaving in it a little boy of three or four years. She did not miss her darling until the car had gone on some distance. The fact that she had a baby in her arms, and an umbrella in one hand, and a satchel in the other, gives some excuse for forgetting her other incumbrance.

UNIVERSALIST FAIR, AT CITY HALL.—This Fair, which has been the scene of attraction for several weeks, is about coming to a close. This will probably be the last night, and a good time may be expected. Some very valuable articles will be chanced off, and among them is the five hundred dollar buggy. Let all interested be on hand. The promenade will close to-night at eleven o'clock.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The steamer Tarrytown was cut through by ice Thursday morning, and sunk, on the Hudson river. Her cargo of merchandise, valued at $30,000, is a total loss.

A Charleston special says: The United States Collector to-day seized the American schooner Albion with a cargo of fruit from Messina, for violating the revenue laws of the United States.

Patsey Evans, called by his friends the "Rondout Giant," has agreed to fight O'Baldwin, the "Irish Giant," for one thousand dollars a side. The first deposit was made on Tuesday evening. This evening the articles of agreement are to be signed.

The indications in the Maryland Senatorial contest are that Gov. Swann will be defeated and Ex-Governor Pratt or W. A. Hamilton elected.

Gov. Swann's (of Maryland) message indorses the President, exults over the reaction against the policy of Congress, and fears that amalgamation will be the result of negro suffrage. He says the arms applied for from the War Department have not yet been received, and says the correspondence relating thereto will show great injustice done the State.

It is said the State Department has not been informed by Anson Burlingame of his acceptance of the Chinese Ambassadorship.

It is stated that if the House Finance Committee do not propose a bill to secure the reissue of greenbacks equal to the amount withdrawn from circulation by contraction, such a bill will be presented by Gen. Butler.

Late Mexican advices state that on the 30th, Sizal was blockaded by three Mexican naval schooners. A rebel commissioner, who went on the mail steamer from Sizal to Vera Cruz, was seized and imprisoned at the latter port. Gen. Diaz has been ordered to take the field in Yucatan. The Imperialists are preparing to leave Mexico as fast as possible. It is stated that the rebellion in Yucatan was started by Santa Anna, who furnished Col. Tillapana with money and men. It is reported he failed to influence several French officers in the scheme. It is rumored that the Mexican Congress is about authorizing the raising of the regular army to eighteen thousand men, at a monthly cost of four hundred thousand dollars.

The Ordnance Committee have concluded their investigation of the Amsterdam projectile frauds. The testimony showed that there had been very extensive frauds committed during the war, which prominent officers of the Government either knew of or else were derelict in their official duties. A great amount of these projectiles proved utterly useless, and was a dead loss to the Government. Witnesses have been summoned for to-day to give evidence in a case where it is stated that a young man of Washington is patented the bursting arrangement, but before he could get it patented a certain prominent official of the Ordnance Bureau hearing about it, obtained a loan of the model, and had it patented in his own name.

Beethoven block in Rockland, Maine, was burned yesterday morning. Loss $14,000, Insured.

Leave was asked in the House and Senate of Maine, yesterday, to present a bill repealing the State constabulary act, but it was not granted in either House.

The failure of L. C. Hopkins, dry goods merchant, of Cincinnati, was announced yesterday morning. His liabilities are about one million, due principally to Eastern houses.

A. A. Bradley, of Boston, a negro member of the Georgia Convention, was arrested in Savannah yesterday evening, for threatening John E. Hays, editor of the *Republican*, and drawing a pistol on him in the street.

A Columbus dispatch says: The city is full of strangers, members making each other's acquaintance, and seeking places, and hangers-on looking out for the offices in the gift of the Legislature, which meets next Monday.

Advices from Porto Rico say the island was visited by an earthquake again on the 29th of December. The shock, however, was slight, and caused but little alarm among the inhabitants.

BY MAILS.

"Vesuvius presented at daybreak this morning," says the *Italia*, of Naples, of the 10th, "a truly magnificent spectacle. The whole of the upper cone, as well as the Atrio del Cavallo, and the great furze plateau, was covered with snow. In the gray light of the morning the burning lava was to be seen ploughing this immense white surface in various directions, whilst a column of smoke rose from the central crater and ascended to a great height."

A horrible scaffold scene recently took place in Prussia. A woman and her son were to be executed for the murder of the husband and father. The woman refused to walk, and was carried on the scaffold, her son waiting below. Owing to the shrinking of her neck, the executioner could not fasten the noose to the block, and only the second blow severed her head from the trunk. The son fainted, and had to be revived before being brought to the block. His trembling was so great that it required repeated blows to sever his head from the body.

The *London Times* says that the possession of the islands of St. Thomas and St. John will "entirely alter the balance of power which has existed between Great Britain and America," and that the intense business activity of the Americans will doubtless soon convert the new colony into a commercial center, where they will amass all the rich product of the neighboring islands, thus "launching it upon the markets of the world."

A Paris newspaper states that suicide by charcoal fires in a close room is purely a literary invention, first used in a drama produced in 1825. Since then it has been the fashion for sentimental people bent on self-destruction to accomplish their end in this way.

The Providence *Journal* believes that one hundred and fifty millions of dollars would not be a high price to pay for the Island of Cuba, if we were in a condition to indulge in the luxury of such a purchase, which, it urges, we are not at the present time. It believes that there is no danger of England or France becoming possessed of the Island, and that we should delay its acquisition, if purchase it we must, until a more favorable time.

A queer duel recently took place in Texas. A gentleman of Houston, who had lost all his family by the late epidemic, and who was himself weary of his bereaved existence, was insulted in the street by a man who knocked off his hat, by an aggrieved acquaintance, who requested his company a short distance. Both walked away in silence. Soon coming to an open field, the silent challenger paced off the ingredient distance, and then proceeded to fill with the few words, "Ready! fire!" the duel was commenced—and ended. One went home with a shattered jaw; the other crawled into the woods to die.

The Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad West, from Omaha, have agreed to build a branch from their road near Julesburg Station to Denver, distant one hundred and two miles, with a maximum grade of forty feet to the mile, and to have it in operation by October next. It will cost about three millions of dollars. This will not interfere with their progress westward upon their main line.

The Auburn (N. Y.) *Advertiser and Union*, which is published at the headquarters of the Merchants' Union Express Company, says that the tariff agreed upon by the consolidationists is subject to the same as that first adopted by the Merchants' Union. We trust this is true, and that this tariff will be adhered to; but the history of monopolies warrants no such expectation.

The Danish Minister has had a protracted interview with the Secretary of State. The latter is very confident that the treaty for the purchase of St. Thomas and St. Johns Islands will be ratified by the Senate, and so informed the Minister.

A large fly-wheel has been built at Providence for the Merchants' Mill, at Fall River, and was last week sent to the latter town. This wheel has a nine feet face and is thirty feet in diameter, and when set up will weigh sixty tons. It is said to be the largest pulley wheel in the country.

How to Sleep in Arctic Weather.

The Toledo *Commercial* publishes a letter written by one of the late telegraphic expedition to Siberia. The writer says:

You say that you cannot imagine how we live in such a climate. I couldn't until I tried it. I didn't believe that it would be possible for me to lay out on the snow without shelter in a temperature of even 20 below zero, but I have done it once or twice, and repeatedly at 45, during Bush's parties, in February of this year, passed the night on an open barren steppe, with their spirit thermometer standing 68 below zero, or 100 degrees below the freezing point. Quicksilver they moulded into solid bullets with four minutes' exposure to the air. It's true they didn't dare to go to sleep that night, but I believe that had they been properly fitted out with heavy furs and wolf skin sleeping bags to tie up tightly over the head, they might have done it with perfect safety. I'm afraid you would think that I was availing myself of a traveler's privilege, and relating a very large story, if I told you how comfortably I have slept on the snow in temperatures of 35, 40 and 45 degrees below. We are obliged to sleep in furbags, of course with our faces entirely covered, to take the utmost care to have our fur stockings perfectly dry, but I have slept in that way through the long Arctic nights as comfortably as ever I did in a bed at home. From September, 1865, until I came aboard the "Onward," a few weeks ago, I never slept in a bed or on anything softer than the snow or a board. So you can imagine that the sensation was a curious one.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Report of Directors---Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of Stockholders of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, was held at the offices of the Company in Cleveland, Thursday, January 2d. The following is the Report of the Directors:

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD COMPANY.

In making their annual report of the operations of the Road during the past year the Directors congratulate the Stockholders on the favorable result.

The receipts have been as follows;

From Passengers	$ 640,706 63
From Freights	1,800,582 43
From miscellaneous sources	58,251 54
From P. F. W. & C. Railway on adjustment joint earnings	158,171 08
Total	$2,793,321 68

THE EXPENSES.

For account of motive power and cars	$ 581,698 74
Maintenance of Way and Struct	425,357 66
Transportation expenses	307,189 36
General expenses	171,542 07
Total	1,485,807 83
Leaving as net earnings	$ 808,513 85

In view of the falling off in rates, and the general depression of business, we think the comparison with the business of the previous year sufficiently. It clearly demonstrates that the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad has received which naturally belongs to it sufficient for the interest on its debt, and a fair remuneration to its stockholders.

The iron ore traffic, which has been spoken of in previous reports, has largely increased. The amount of ore now on the company's docks is sufficient to furnish freightage to Pittsburgh until the opening of navigation. The cost traffic continues to be of great importance, having a steady increase. The transportation of lumber from Michigan and Canada is increasing rapidly. The business of the towns on the line of the road, steadily growing in importance, constitute an ever enlarging source of income.

The amount charged the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway is stated upon the basis of diversion of earnings which has been acted on in previous years. It may be noticed. The contract between the two companies was modified in April, 1866, so that the future ratio of division may depend on the actual earnings of the two previous years. Thus far the working of the contract has proved beneficial to both companies.

From the net earnings shown above there have been paid:

Mortgage interest, &c	$283,129 90
Lease of Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway track	85,000 00
Total	$368,129 90
Leaving as balance of the years' business	$461,383 95

From this amount has been paid the dividend of September, 16, 1867, viz: $284,858 15, and the remainder has been expended in real estate, new structures and improvements.

It will be seen by the annual report that the vastly increased business of the company had rendered necessary considerable outlays, and the above shows that this necessity still continues. The final payment of the land purchased by the company on the west side of the Cuyahoga river has been made. Two slips are being constructed, with ample docks, so that vessels can load and unload with ease and dispatch. The length of dock already constructed is 2,000 feet, and 2,000 feet more, it is anticipated, will be ready for use by the opening of navigation. The coal and ore traffic of the coming season could not be done without these facilities. It is evident that a much larger extent of dock room will be required, and that more slips must be built until the whole of the land of the company on the west side of the river is utilized. The company will then have a property ample for its business beyond all possible contingencies.

A bridge for the passage of railroad trains has been constructed across the Cuyahoga river, for the joint use of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh, Cleveland & Erie and Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Companies, and such other railroad companies as they may contract with for that purpose, which gives direct and continuous access to the west side of the river for all the trains of the company. The bridge, having been fully tested, gives entire satisfaction, and is now being used daily by this company for transportation of its trains.

The road bed, rails and rolling stock of the company are all in good condition—it is believed they were never better—insuring dispatch and safety in the passage of trains.

In addition to the expenditure which must be continued during the coming year, in the construction of docks on the west side of the river at Cleveland, a work of great importance than the machine shops at Wellsville be completed on the enlarged plan which was originally contemplated, as well as to make a comparatively small addition to the motive power and freight car equipment.

It has been deemed best by the Directors, in view of the early maturity of the Mortgage Bonds of the Company, to issue new bonds, to be secured by mortgage on all the property of the Company, for the purpose of retiring the present Mortgages. The Second Mortgage bonds amounting to $3,000,000 fall due in about five years, and the Third Mortgage Bonds amounting to $1,000,000 fall due in about seven years. The new Mortgage Bonds bearing seven per cent. interest, payable semi annually, will mature in the year 1900. It is believed that the holders of the bonds of the company will willingly exchange them for the new bonds, covering as they do all the new y acquired property of the company, and which for a long time to come will be the only well established business of the company to secure the payment of interest, and a sinking fund provided for the liquidation of the principal.

It also seemed proper to the Directors to provide for the payment of a portion, at least, of these improvements, which are adding permanent value to the Company's property, out of its present earnings, believing that the expenses may not be burdened with the class of expenditures. The new mortgage has therefore been made for $5,000,000, to cover not only the old mortgage bonds but to furnish the means of completing the additional improvements.

A detailed statement of the financial operations of the year just closed in the form of an account current is presented as follows: The detailed statement of the Superintendent accompanies this report, and gives in full the expenses of operation, and the particulars of the business of the road.

GENERAL ACCOUNT CURRENT—CREDITS BY

Amount of these accounts for the year	$ 2,793,321 68
Amount received from sale of bonds	1,000,000 00
Amount received from sale of stock	28,383 75
Due per balance unpaid on same	54,838 97
Mortgage bonds of 1868, bonds negotiated	122,401 25
	2,145,150 00
Bills payable, balance unpaid	185,171 66
Received from miscellaneous sources	2,206 50
Due on bills and pay rolls audited for accounts and vouchers outstanding	221,000 12
	$6,213,673 93

DISBURSEMENTS ON ALL ACCOUNTS—OPERATING EXPENSES.

Motive power and repairs	$ 581,698 74
Maint. and structures	425,357 66
Transportation expenses	307,189 36
General expenses	171,542 07 $1,485,787 83

INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, ETC.

Mortgage interest	$283,247 50
Bills payable interest	85,000 00
Interest on notes and accounts	279 90
P. F. W. & C. Railway, use of track	85,000 00
Dividend of September 16	280,858 15
Bills payable, unpaid Dec.	185,171 66
Dividend payable on Oct., 1868	123 52 $1,103,387 73

CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.

Right of way	$ 24 00
Machinery and personal property	2,011 07
Locomotives purchased	1,000 00 $3,035 07

REAL ESTATE.

Island property, Cleveland	$ 45,052 85
Belmar station ground	7,000 00
Depot, property Pittsburgh	5,500 00
Grounds, Allegheny	700 00 $58,252 85

NEW STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Union Depot, Cleveland	$ 8,673 91
Island improvements, Cleveland	10,776 20
Spikes and bolts	10,133 39
New station building, Belmar	8,115 00
New engine house, Wellsville	1,204 64 $823,496 90
Profit and loss, discount on notes and worthless accounts	6,387 64
	$3,218,687 12

ASSETS TO CLOSE.

In hands of Treasurer	$103,382 46
Lawrence R. R. & W. Co. stock	10,000 00
Cash in hands of agents	16,776 70
Miscellaneous shops	147,472 45
Net balance personal accounts	225,898 37 $503,521 07
	$3,218,687 12

The present financial condition is represented in the following

BALANCE SHEET.

DR.

Construction	$3,339,426 61
Machinery and tools	70,115 44
Personal property	34,223 35
Telegraph lines	18,918 72
Total construction and equipment	$3,461,684 12

ASSETS.

In hands of Treasurer	$ 103,382 46
Lawrence, Fairfield and Transportation Company stock	10,000 00
Bills receivable	11,000 79
Materials at shops	147,472 45
Net balance personal accounts	225,898 37
Total assets	$500,521 07
	$3,961,700 22

CR.

Capital stock	$3,411,925 00
Scrip issues	12,166 40
Total capital	$3,424,091 40
2d Mortgage Bonds	1,000,000 00
3d " "	1,000,000 00
4th " " $1,000,000 00	
Less 10,488 79	41,106,488 79
Mortgage Bonds of 1900	188,000 00
Total funded debt	$3,974,488 79
Bills payable	85,000 00
Due on bills and pay rolls audited for accounts, November	225,000 12
Net earnings	287,291 23
	$3,961,700 22

The Directors take pleasure in acknowledging the integr

The Daily Commercial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1868.

THE COMMERCIAL is the largest daily paper in the State, and gives daily one-fourth more reading than any other paper in Pittsburgh. It is the only Pittsburgh paper that uses the telegraph liberally, gives full market reports, and all the news of the day.

As proof of the estimate placed on the market reports of the COMMERCIAL, *we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Shipping List, Iron Age, and other papers of this character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is within a few hundred miles, hardly an Iron Factory, Oil Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the* COMMERCIAL, *principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.*

SOON after the reassembling of Congress, General BUTLER, it is said, will bring forward a bill providing for the reissue of the greenbacks withdrawn from circulation under the contraction law. The House Finance Committee decline to bring forward the measure.

THE Legislature will meet in Harrisburg on Tuesday next. Quite a number of members of both branches have already arrived at the capital, where the canvass for the Speaker and Clerkship of the assembly and the office of State Treasurer is animated. The Message of Gov. GEARY is prepared, and it is probable that copies will be sent out for publication simultaneously with the reading on Tuesday.

MR. JUDD, representative from the Chicago District, is said to be preparing a bill for the more thorough collection of the revenue, in the belief that if honesty can be insured the taxes can be materially reduced and the revenues increased. The whisky tax alone, if collected, would realize the interest on the national debt. Let Congress insure that,—at least make a determined effort.

THE defense of Secretary STANTON is likely to prove an event and constitute a new chapter in our political and personal history. The season of assumed triumph the President has enjoyed is about to come to an end, if the character of Secretary STANTON's defense is not totally misrepresented. The country might readily suppose that the famous Secretary who so successfully organized victory over the rebellion, would not suffer defeat at the hands of ANDREW JOHNSON.

ENLIGHTENMENT IN NEW ZEALAND.

New Zealand has resolved to found a university. Meetings have been held in Dunedin, the capital, and the legislature has been memorialized on the subject. In the meanwhile, as a temporary expedient, scholarships are to be founded, to be held with the view to all young men resident within the colony, and obtained by public competition, to enable the successful candidates to complete their education at one of the universities of the United Kingdom, or at any country of established reputation. The scholarships are to be made by the parents or guardians of the scholars.

Perhaps our New Zealand neighbors took the hint in relation to scholarships from Pittsburgh. We have heard something of the same kind talked of with reference to our own University. How many such endowments is she, or rather the public, enjoying from the purpose of putting indigent young men on the course of intellectual development? It has sometimes happened, we know, that genius worth a million in hard cash has been allied to poverty. Of course such contingencies are provided for in Pittsburgh.

THE KING OE JERUSALEM AGAIN.

Some months ago we published a translation from a German Magazine of a sketch of the life and adventures of Count LEON, who called himself King of Jerusalem. That translation, as we know, was read by many with much satisfaction. In the last number received of the *Gartenlaube*, the Leipzig Magazine from which that narrative was taken, we find the following item, which may also interest some of our readers:

"The King of Jerusalem, that Bernhard Muller of Aschaffenburg, afterwards called Proll, whose life we sketched in our 21 and 22 numbers, was not drowned in the Missouri, as we then stated agreeably to a report, but he died a natural death. As Overseer, Mr. J. C. Backofen, of Pittsburgh, who threw Muller Proll and his companions personally, sends us the following communication in regard to the later fortunes and end of those strange saints:

"In September, 1853, Proll, with his wife and child, a very beautiful boy of seven years, together with his still remaining adherents, among them Dr. Gottlieb, embarked on the steamer Ben Sullivan here to go down the Ohio and the Mississippi into the Red River. The Pittsburg Company was to receive, whether he received from Economy, for the purpose of gold-making, 60 in the wooden *Penn Township* society. With great exertions the company reached the town of Natchitoches, in the state of Louisiana. In November, 1853, when the ice came, they sought to go further up Red River to an established town. Here, however, the ice broke below the place the steamer struck upon the trunk of a tree overgrown with ice, and sank with all the provisions and household stuff of the colonists. Fortunately the company had a flat-boat in tow, and the keelboat over the rapids. Deprived of everything, some Germans living in the neighborhood took Proll and his adherents into their houses, and by means of living and of getting on to their place of destiny, which they reached during the next year, by toil and economy, soon attained to prosperity. Proll did not like Red River Colony, in the year 1854 Goengten died a few years later. The son of the former was murder-d in 1857 on his return from Nebraska, whither he had taken to market the cotton raised in the colony. Kahl died in Bordeaux as American Consul. Zinkel, Zeckel, Hillpot, etc., I also know. Many members of that ci-devant religious society are still living on the Red River."

Whether this PROLL, *soi-disant* King of Jerusalem, was a self-conscious impostor, or merely one of the great multitude of the self-deceived, is a question which cannot now be resolved. Perhaps the most satisfactory view is, that he began as a deceiver of others and ended by deceiving himself; a metamorphosis in the development of religious charlatans and conjurors almost as uniform and accordant with natural law as the transformation of the polliwig into the frog. There seemed to be a certain poetical justice in the fact, long believed, that he who had *taken in* so many others should at last have been taken in himself—by the Missouri. This, however, was rather poetical than actual or providential justice, which was better exemplified in his long life and comfortable death. As the Greek poet said—

"He dies earliest whom the gods love best."

THE CENTRAL FLOWERY LAND.

The announcement of the appointment of the United States Minister, Mr. BURLINGAME, to represent China in an embassy to the Treaty Powers, is one of those startling statements, which, when made with telegraphic brevity, it is difficult fully to comprehend. That the selection was approved by the several foreign ministers resident near Pekin, must be regarded as a circumstance flattering to Mr. BURLINGAME, and to the nation he represents. Most surprising and significant, however, is the fact that China—the land of "use and wont"—the self-contained and self-conceited contemner of "pale devils" and "outside barbarians" should at length have commissioned an "outside barbarian" and a "pale devil" to represent her interests and speak in her name. With our present knowledge of the matter it would be quite indiscreet to say much about it in the way of explanation, or even conjecture. But we may remark that the statesmen of the Celestial Empire are neither ignorant nor ill informed in regard to the nations of the West and their politics. Chinese contempt for Europe and America has not been blind, unreasoning scorn, but disparagement founded upon knowledge and comparison. Arts and inventions which we plume ourselves upon they believe to have been known and applied in a regular and systematic manner by their ancestors while our fathers were naked denizens of the forests. Nor when brought into actual contact with the *illiterate* people of the West have they been able to see much to command homage or even to inspire respect.

For many years Catholic missionaries—some of them familiar with all the science of their time—not only lived among them, but held positions of dignity coveted by the highest mandarins. The knowledge of Europe then communicated is still preserved in their encyclopedias and other books. Then came the entire exclusion of foreigners from the country; but even during the period of isolation there is reason to believe that they did not neglect to observe and learn a good deal about the proceedings of the outside Barbarians. Mr. WILLIAM COOKE TAYLOR, the *Times* correspondent in China a few years ago, and who made the voyage from Canton to Calcutta in the same ship with Commissioner YEH, found that great functionary, though unacquainted, familiar with the utterances of Lord JOHN RUSSELL and Lord PALMERSTON in the House of Commons for years. And this YEH had been looked upon by Englishmen as the *ne plus ultra* and finished type of Chinese ignorance and exclusiveness.

As an illustration of the sort of character Chinese institutions have been able to produce, and of what some Chinamen have been able and willing to do for knowledge, we may briefly state a single fact. In the seventh century of our era a Chinese Buddhist—HIOUEN-TSANG—when very young, filled with a longing to see the land which had given birth to the founder of his faith, and to drink at the fountains of spiritual knowledge, set out as a pilgrim for the valley of the Ganges. He wandered across China and Thibet, entered Hindostan by one of the northern passes through the Himmalayas, and finally reached Magadha in the valley of the Lower Ganges, where GOTOMA OF SAKYA-MUNI received the breath of life, and where by meditation he became *Adi-Buddha* or supreme intelligence. There our Chinese pilgrim spent several years in a Buddhist monastery, learning Sanscrit and copying the books containing four around and through India, carefully the oracles of his religion. He then made a observing and recording his observations and remarks in his journal, and at length returned to his home near Pekin, in the Central Flowery Land, carrying with him many manuscripts relating to his faith and its history. These he then translated into his own vernacular. He also wrote out and published a copious narrative of his travels. This book, some years ago, was rendered into French by M. STANISLAS JULIEN, the great Sanscrit scholar, and also Sinologist, of Paris. It contains a most full and interesting account of the people, manners, customs, etc., of the Hindoos as they were seen by the pilgrim. In this Chinaman of the seventh century are manifest the very spirit and energy which have given glory, and perhaps immortality of time to some of the best known names of the nineteenth century. But let us return to our mutton.

We suppose that the diplomatic appointment to which we referred in the beginning, must be taken as evidence that the Chinese rulers—perhaps through a partial change of view—perhaps simply hard pressed by the rebels, really intend some concession to the Treaty Powers, greater and more important than any they have ever made. Possibly they hope for help to suppress the chronic rebellion which is troubling them, and Mr. BURLINGAME, in lively recollection of things at home, may have intimated something in favor of giving them aid for that purpose. A very difficult question would then have to be decided.

PROBLEMS

Every year and almost every month the investigations of scientific men bring to light facts which are very strange and difficult to classify. And yet any one in search of the curious and incomprehensible, could hardly select a field more likely to yield satisfactory, or unsatisfactory results, than our own human nature. If, as the proverb says, "the proper study of mankind is man," then one can hardly, in the pursuit of knowledge, be better employed than in noting such phenomena as occur in this department, and in trying to resolve them into their causes or antecedents. What is called Fenianism, is in itself a quite intelligible fact. Ireland, for which we all in this country have good wishes, even when we have no admiration, has for ages been trampled upon and misgoverned by the English, much aided and encouraged by the Irish. Repeated revolts and attempts at revolt have been put down with the strong hand of the English, aided by the cunning and *the fatalism* of the Irish. Repeal was vehemently and persistently agitated, in the hope of redressing some of the grievances brought upon Ireland by English gold and Irish love of it; but Repeal agitation proved a failure, and the people of Ireland did not find their condition much, if at all, improved by it. And now Fenianism, as we understand it, is an organization formed for the purpose of establishing Irish independence, and its preliminary operation must be to force England to let go her hold upon the island. To make war upon England from this country as the basis of operations; to organize the Irish Republic on United States soil; to issue pronunciamentos and manifestos from New York or Pittsburgh against Great Britain, with whom we are at peace, may seem very eccentric proceedings, but men and especially Irishmen, are sometimes eccentric, a sort of "chartered libertines" in conduct as in language, and we must not judge them severely, or hold them rigorously amenable to the musty principles by which less mercurial beings are commonly restrained. To fulfil our treaty obligations, prevent the violation of peace, and so prevent the departure from our territory into a neighbor's territory of bands of armed men, likely to be restrained neither by discipline nor disposition, from committing disorders not recognized as right by the code of war—may have cost us a million or so of dollars. But we are rich, and ought not to think hardly of patriotic men, who desire to show their love for what was once their country—which we also love—and their hatred for a country which we also have some reason to hate. Thus far we feel pretty sure of a degree of unanimity in our judgments of the Brotherhood's proceedings. Some may think that the steps just mentioned had better not have been taken, but none can fail to say, "Be gentle with the enthusiastic men. Do not think or speak harshly of them. Their enthusiasm is a lovely trait; it is the same spirit which, in another direction has produced masterpieces in literature and undying achievements in war."

But in the progress of time the proceedings of this Association have become such as to start a question or two in casuistry. We shall try to avoid the use of offensive language in stating them. Let us put the case hypothetically after the manner of the schoolmen. Suppose that members of this same Association—animated by patriotism—shorten the existence of human beings who have neither done nor purposed to do them harm; suppose the doers of this objectionable thing are tried, found guilty, and confined in prison; suppose that the allies of these unfortunate patriots, knowing that a "barrel of gunpowder will make a breach in a strong wall if exploded close to it," thus place a barrel of gunhowder with the intention of exploding it. Then suppose them to know that the houses and cottages close packed around the place are filled with innocent women and children who will be blown to fragments by the explosion. Not only this; suppose these enthusiastically patriotic men in plain work men's clothes take advantage of the sympathy felt for their class to get into the private rooms and garrets of the neighboring houses for the purpose of more effectually making their little arrangements. Of course there was full belief in the minds of these poor people that no harm was intended. In view of these hypotheses—which happen also to be facts—many questions arise; but we have space to put only these: First—Did not these patriotic men go a little too far? Second—Ought we to recognize the cause *in as far as it was represented by these men* as entitled to either sympathy or respect? When among the emergencies of life a question like this arises, one cannot but regret the delay of the science of casuistry,—of which the Irish, then called *Scots*, were once such brilliant masters—that noble science which could "divide a hair twixt south and southwest side," and so enable the man of scrupulous conscience to act as well as think in a firm unfaltering manner. The third question suggested is less practical, and therefore less important, but still worthy of consideration. It is this: Are such acts as the one above described at all allied in nature with, or in any manner in which we also love—and their hatred for a country which we also have some reason to hate. Thus far we feel pretty sure of a degree of unanimity in our judgments of the Brotherhood's proceedings. Some may think that the steps just mentioned had better not have been taken, but none can fail to say, "Be gentle with the enthusiastic men. Do not think or speak harshly of them. Their enthusiasm is a lovely trait; it is the same spirit which, in another direction has produced masterpieces in literature and undying achievements in war."

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Mr. DICKENS will commence his first series in Philadelphia, at Concert Hall, on Monday evening, January 13th, when the "Christmas Carol" and the trial from "Pickwick" will be given. The remainder of the course is set down for the evenings of the 14th, 23d, 24th, 30th, and 31st. The sale of tickets for the whole course will commence at nine o'clock on Monday morning, at Concert Hall.

THE new school house in North Adams, Mass., will be ready for use in the spring. It contains twelve large school rooms, a lecture hall, which will seat four or five hundred persons, rooms for apparatus and libraries, and in the basement play-rooms for the children. Such is a New England school house, in most respects rivaling many of the so-called colleges in some of the other States.

IT is stated that the Maryland Legislature will re-elect Reverdy Johnson to the United States on the 14th inst., although the friends of Governor Swann are urging him in opposition, and some effort is being made in favor of Hon. W. T. Hamilton, of Washington county. Mr. Johnson originally entered the Senate in 1845, but resigned when he went into the Cabinet in 1849; and he was re-elected in 1863.

WE learn that among the many economies of municipal administration in Paris is the sale of the yearly "mud crop." In 1858 this yielded only $17,000. It now brings $120,000, and when left for some time in rotting tanks is sold for manure, at the increased valuation of $600,000. There is a *picture* of the same sort within the reach of our municipal authorities. Fifth street itself has plenty of wealth lying on its very surface rich enough to test the principles of any ordinary official. By all means let a guard be posted over it until the mire can be let to some responsible parties, that some of the income may accrue to our burdened tax payers. We would suggest that if the slush from these late snows will serve to quicken competition, it had better be thrown in as a perishable commodity that will hardly otherwise be warehoused.

The Gettysburg Asylum Scheme.

Commissioner Rollins, in response to a call from Congress, has transmitted his reasons for exempting the Gettysburg Invalid Soldiers' Scheme from taxation. Mr. Rollins states that he had laid down two important principles before granting exemptions of the character referred to: first, that any association claiming such exemption must submit proof that the *whole net proceeds* are to be applied to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers or to some other charitable purpose, and, second, that "a distinction as to the amount of evidence to be required should be drawn between applications by long-established, well known charitable associations, and those by associations organized for some temporary purpose or some particular occasion." Further than this, Mr. Rollins decided that "when there is a good reason to suspect that a permit, if granted, *would be used to subserve private interests*, approval should be withheld until the facts have been stated to this office and its advice obtained."

Mr. Rollins further states that it is the duty of the Collector of the District, in which such enterprise is to be prosecuted, to examine into its merits and report to the Commissioner. In making application for the exemption the Secretary once affidavit that the proceeds, with exception of necessary expenses, *incidental advertising and management*, were to be devoted to the charitable purpose proposed. Upon this report, Mr. John H. Diehl, Collector of the Second District, wrote a recommendation, strongly approving the application, and upon receiving this the exemption was granted.

Our State Finances.

A remarkable improvement in the condition of the debt of Pennsylvania during the past twelve months will be made apparent in the Annual report of Hon. Wm. H. Kemble, State Treasurer. One year ago our financial credit was none of the best. The fact was bad. The amount of our debt overdue exceeded $5,000,000, and a determined effort was made to redeem our credit by the prompt extinguishment of these liabilities. Mr. Kemble, with most commendable zeal, originated the idea of a new loan sufficient to cover all outstanding indebtedness, which met with the cordial approval of all who had the credit of the State at heart. A bill authorizing a loan for $25,000,000 was passed, and bids to the amount of $50,000,000 were offered. The old loan was paid in full, and our credit re-established.

Mr. Kemble's report shows the total receipts of the year amounted to $28,425,650 07. They include the new loan, and some thirty other items, which range from a tax on corporation stocks of $1,209,000, to the rather small items of fines and forfeitures, $50 50, and sales of public property, $35. The expenditures amounted to $25,502,596. This includes some $200,000 of extraordinary military expenses, which remain as remnants of the war; leaving a balance of nearly $2,000,000. It will thus be seen that the State finances are in an encouraging condition, and to the ability and integrity of Treasurer Kemble is due this creditable state of affairs.

Democratic Candidate for Mayor of Allegheny.

The "entertified" of Allegheny have selected Mr. Henry Schreiber, of the Second ward, as their candidate for Mayor, in opposition to the Republican nominee, Captain Simon Drum. The nomination has not yet been formally ratified, but Mr. Schreiber has been chosen by common consent as the standard bearer, and has received the indorsement of the "only Democratic" organ. Mr. S. is a German, but has resided in the city and in Allegheny for a long period. Like Captain Drum, he belongs to the working class—the former having graduated as a carpenter and the latter as a shoemaker, but neither has handled the tools of his trade for a number of years. Mr. Schreiber was long employed as an overseer in the Western Penitentiary, under Wardens Beckham and Birmingham, but "retired" on the accession of Warden Campbell, and is now engaged as salesman in a leading shoe house. He is a good mechanic, and we have nothing to say against his social or personal standing. As a partizan, however, he is of the most ultra school, and during the war made himself notorious in his neighborhood by his fierce opposition to the government, and his outspoken sympathy with the rebellion. No one who knew or talked with him had any difficulty in determining to which side of the line he really belonged. He makes a tolerably fair speech in German and English, but was never known to open his mouth in favor of recruiting the ranks of the Union armies; and if he ever contributed one dollar to the cause, we should like to record the fact. He was an ardent admirer of the state-mauship of Jeff. Davis, and the military skill and prowess of Robert E. Lee, and was a firm believer in the doctrine that "the South never could be conquered." Lincoln was a tyrant, in his estimation, and deserving of a tyrant's fate. His tragic death was not mourned by Mr. Schreiber, whose wont it was to be silent or sad over our victories, and to rejoice at our calamities. Had all of the men of the North acted and felt as Mr. Schreiber, there never would have been a blow struck in our defense against the traitors of the South. In a word, he was one of the most outspoken, inveterate, implacable *copperheads* of this county, and it is due to him that he should receive the full copperhead vote in the forthcoming municipal election in our sister city. He deserves it.

The Growth of Our Cities.

For several years past Mr. A. Davis, the efficient Water Assessor of Allegheny City, has kept a careful record of the number of new buildings erected, together with other valuable statistics. He has now nearly completed his list of new buildings for 1867, and will have it ready for publication in a few days. We are gratified to learn that the whole number of buildings erected during the past year, in Allegheny City proper (we mean exclusive of the consolidated districts of Manchester, Duquesne, &c.) exceeds that of the previous year, and that the number for the two years will reach about *seven hundred*. The growth of Manchester is much more marked, considering the extent of territory; while Duquesne Borough, and those portions of Reserve and McClure townships recently incorporated with the city, are being built up rapidly. The aggregate number of new buildings erected in the consolidated city of Allegheny, during the past two years, is about *twelve hundred*. These would constitute quite a large city in themselves, and, in the present crowded condition of our dwellings, would accommodate a population of nearly ten thousand souls. It is only a few years since the total number of dwellings in Allegheny was put down at less than one thousand five hundred, and now we have an addition of nearly as many in the short space of two years! Mr. Davis made an effort to enumerate the old houses in the newly consolidated districts, so that the grand total might be accurately stated, but he found that he could not accomplish the task and attend to his official duties. It is gratifying to learn that our population (speaking of Allegheny as a part and parcel of Pittsburgh, which it is in fact) is increasing in the same ratio with our buildings, and that the next census will exhibit an astonishing per centage of increase. Mr. Davis has some interesting facts in regard to the population of Allegheny, based upon his knowledge of the actual number residing in each house, which he will give to the public with his forthcoming report to Councils. We have heard a great deal of the rapid growth of western towns and cities, but we doubt whether, outside of California, in the days of the gold excitement, any city ever exhibited a more marked and substantial growth than our own—because what is true of Allegheny is equally true of Pittsburgh, throughout its consolidated bounds, although we have not the data at hand. Our "Twin Cities," (*so Siamese!* that they cannot be separated,) are indeed a marvel of growth and prosperity, and are destined to become the great manufacturing and commercial mart between the East and the West.

An Invitation from the South.

These hard times, and the feeling that prosperity, depending solely on manufacturing industry, is at best precarious, are turning the minds of many of our artisans to other spheres of industry. We are informed by a friend who has recently visited East Florida, that there are earnest desires on the part of the old residents, especially planters whose resources, reduced by the war and subsequent mis fortunes, are inadequate to the proper working of their land, to see a force of active, thrifty men, with their families, from the North come in, take up and restore the acres of once productive soil that are fast relapsing into wilderness.

The following are resolutions lately adopted at an influential meeting at Ocala, Florida. Captain John M. Taylor, one of the largest planters in that section of country, and a gentleman entitled by lineage, public spirit, intelligence, worth and universal popularity, to represent the community about him, was the framer of the resolutions:

WHEREAS, The belief unfortunately exists at the North, and in Europe too, that there is a "monopolity for life and property in the South," and particularly, that deep prejudice exists against Northerners; and that they are unsafe amongst us, and these prejudices are operating against us in keeping strangers away therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That there is no more insecurity for life and property among the Southern people than among any law-abiding people we desire mixed to buy our properties and salubrities, and desire them to be here.

2d. That we cordially invite *white* men from all portions of the earth to become our fellow citizens.

3d. That we cordially invite foreign and domestic capital. We want them to aid us in developing the rich resources of our fertile and beautiful country. There is room for those and more than we have now. Capital will employ our idle laborers, and there is vast remunerative labor.

4th. That we will welcome all who come amongst us from any and every portion of the globe, feeling assured that their prejudices, if they have any, will soon vanish, and that they will find us a kind, generous and good friend for their interests, will be good for ours.

5th. That these resolutions be published in the *Ocala Union* for a month, with the request that they be published in all the papers in the State, and in the hotels of the people of Marion county, Florida, and that we invite a delegation from the North.

A Pedestrian Contest.

Tom Bowie, a colored man of Washington, who was recently matched for a prize fight with Tom Sorrell, also colored, has entered into a contract with the "Careless Boy," colored, of Boston, to walk from Washington to that city. The contest will begin on Monday, January 13, 1868, the stakes being two hundred dollars a side. They agree to walk from Washington to Philadelphia, a distance of 140 miles, without stopping. Here a sparring match will be given, and they will leave next morning for New York, a distance of 100 miles, not stopping until they arrive there, when another sparring exhibition will be given. The next morning they will enter upon the long home stretch of two hundred and forty miles to Boston without stopping, the one arriving there first to pocket the wager. The sparring exhibitions will be given for their joint benefit. They both have many friends who will back them, and all from Baltimore once or twice before the day of starting for Boston. The "Careless Boy" is twenty-seven years old, and Bowie is twenty-three years of age. Bowie is about six feet in height and the "Careless Boy" two or three inches less.

Mr. Seward's Purchase.

A Washington dispatch to the New York *Evening Post* says: It appears that the new Danish Minister, who arrived a few days ago, was unaware that there was any difference between the Executive and Congress regarding the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas. His friends say that Secretary Seward had so represented the matters to the Danish Government as to leave the impression that the treaty would be quickly ratified by this Government. Immediately after his arrival here, the Minister called upon Mr. Seward, to consult with him in regard to the matter, but the latter pleaded an extraordinary pressure of public business, and bowed the Danish Minister out. Every day, and up to the present time, he has been unable to gain another audience, or to learn officially the condition of the treaty. This is a true statement of the case, as learned from persons connected with a foreign legation here, and among the Foreign Ministers the matter has excited considerable comment.

THE cessation of the Paraguayan war secures the free navigation of the Paraguay river, that flows for a distance through that country, but is also navigable a great way beyond, into Central South America. This free navigation President Lopez would not permit, as it would liberate the interior from its dependence on his own country, and enable the latter to develop until Paraguay might be endangered. Another demand made was for the banishment of Lopez himself, and a third for the cession of that territory known as the Gran Chaco. The war has been waged with varying fortunes for two years and a half, and has involved all of Central South America, destroyed great numbers of men, created heavy national debts, and stopped commerce. Untilately Paraguay, overmatched, has defended itself by the fortifications of Humaita and the fleet supporting them. These fell, and all were expecting that General Lopez would rally new forces and continue the war, he has suddenly granted every demand, including his own exile for two years.

A TRUNK STORY.—A Boston correspondent of the Providence *Journal* tells a very remarkable story about a trunk of valuables which has recently been discovered in one of the Boston banks. The story is, that between thirty and forty years ago, a wealthy Boston family, when about to embark from New York for a long residence in Europe, packed a trunk with valuable their looms and other rich articles, and sent it to Boston for safe-keeping. The gentleman to whose care it was sent, placed it in a bank vault, marked with his own name and that of he owner, with a memorandum that the trunk was to remain undisturbed during the owner's life. The owner, after many years absence in Europe, supposing the trunk to be lost or stolen, never called for it, and now, after a third or a fourth age, when nearly every one connected with it is dead, this valuable trunk has been discovered and restored in perfect order to the surviving aged widow of the owner.

THE Newark *Courier* proposes "that some of the church basements, not required by the uses of the younger generation who own the fine up as houses of temporary shelter for such of the poor and homeless as Providence may direct toward them." It asks, "Why should any poor creature be allowed to ask to be sent to jail for shelter, so long as by any possible device the rich and charitable are able to prevent it?" There is sound sense in these observations.

THE INDIA COTTON.—Senator Sprague of Rhode Island, one of the largest cotton manufacturers in the country, said in debate in Congress the other day:

"I am humiliated in being obliged to admit the fact that from this poor, despised, shortstapled, husky India cotton, a fabric is to day produced which will add honor of Englishmen equal to the best fabric that American machinery has yet produced. This is the cause of the present depression of cotton manufacture in this country."

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WILLIAM SHACKLETT,
JOHN AUDAY,
JAMES MCLAIN.

Pittsburgh, December 31, 1867.

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Pittsburgh, January 1st, 1868.

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CHARLES J. CLARKE.
WM. THAW.

Pittsburgh, December 31, 1867.

THE BUSINESS OF THE LATE

firm of CLARKE & CO. will be conducted from this date by the undersigned, under the same name of firm.

CHARLES J. CLARKE,
WM. O. H. SCULLY,
WM. M. HERSH,
SAM'L H. EDWARDS,
WM. THAW.

Pittsburgh, January 1, 1868.

PERSONAL.

—Fitz Green Halleck, about a month before he died, prepared his poems with a final revision, to be issued in one volume by Messrs. Ticknor & Fields. The notes are said to be very elaborate and full of interesting material. It is understood that the volume will be prefaced with some introductory matter, biographical and critical, from the pen of the poet's friend, William Cullen Bryant.

—Among the descriptions of Mr. Dickens's personal appearance, none is more absurd than the following from a New York letter: "Mr. Dickens has a heavy gray moustache and goatee, the latter spreading out like a broom, which, when he speaks, has that rapid motion peculiar to a hegoat when nibbling straw."

—Hon. Amos Kendall brought cedar, olive and sycamore wood from the garden of Gethsemane to a gentleman in Baltimore, who has used it in binding an elegant edition of the New Testament.

—No member of Congress who voted for impeachment called upon the President New Year's Day, while only ten Senators paid him the respect of a formal call. These were, Messrs. Johnson, Sherman, Doolittle, Morgan, Dixon, Morrill, Fessenden, Cole, Corbett and Morton.

—Queen Isabella, of Spain, is unable to find a husband for her good looking daughter. Following the example of the mother the daughter would not need one.

—The Vienna *Gazette* announces officially the pregnancy of the Empress of Austria. Napoleon and Eugenie will be godfather and godmother of the expected baby.

—When Boucicault agreed to dramatize Rip Van Winkle for Joseph Jefferson, the terms were five per cent. upon the gross receipts of the latter, so long as the piece was maintained upon the stage. Jefferson, at the time he commenced his present engagement at Cincinnati, had paid to the author the snug sum of thirteen thousand dollars, when he wrote to Boucicault proposing to buy the piece for the sum of $5,000. Boucicault consented, and the money has been forwarded.

—There is a story told of Commodore Vanderbilt that, when engaged in a game of poker on a Mississippi steamboat, a party of gamblers tried their usual plan of "bluffing." When the stakes had reached a greater amount than the Commodore's pocket-book held, he sent for the Captain of the boat, purchased the craft for $20,000, and "went it better" to the extent of his purchase. The sharpers, of course, couldn't "see" the rise, and the title went to the Commodore as a tribute to his nerve and his bank account.

—Among the illustrious dead of 1867 are Farragut, Ross, Cousin, Alison, and Achille Fould, in Europe; and Bache, Halleck, Wilkie, Miss Sedgwick, Admirals Ringgold, Stout and Palmer, Generals Griffin and Meagher, Ex-Governors Gilmore of New Hampshire and Hunt of New York, and last and most loved, John A. Andrew of Massachusetts.

—There is great excitement in Florence, in regard to the fate of young Caholl, who spoke so badly to the Pope at the prison of the Garibaldians. He was on the same day removed to a cell at the castle of San Angelo, and his relatives, notwithstanding their efforts to ascertain something about him, have been unable to do so. As three of his brothers have fallen for the cause of Italy, and only one of the family of seven honors have been paid, and a national subscription opened for his mother, Signora Caholl, at Bellgirate.

The Hangman of Mrs. Surratt.

If in bringing Gen. Hancock conspicuously before the country as a Presidential candidate, Mr. Johnson intended to get him assailed and killed off, he manifested a good deal of shrewdness and is not likely to be disappointed. The New York *Day Book* bestows upon him the mild epithet quoted above, and sundry other Democratic journals have shown their teeth not less unmistakably. The *Day Book's* language is as follows:

Hancock was the hangman of Mrs. Surratt. He was one of Holt's bright and shining tools in that tragic and infamous business. He was prompt and gentle in it, *by the law*, he would be hanged for the murder of Payne and Mrs. Surratt. He made use of the form of military trial under it any less a murder, *according to law*. General Hancock cannot escape the odium of the deed. He has had to execute himself in saying that he, individually, had no malice. The law knows no such action as that.

STARCH LAKES.—It is not generally known that starch can be dyed with the utmost facility and without destroying the granules, by merely filtering a solution containing the desired coloring matter through a layer of the starch. When dried at a very moderate temperature, the so-called "starch lakes" are thus produced, and in brilliancy and soft beauty of tone they are perhaps unsurpassed. Colors thus prepared are, however, but little "body," and more still, they are decidedly fragitive. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, when a beautiful mat surface is required for many purposes they are very useful. Colored confectionery may be mentioned as an instance where the starch lakes may be legitimately employed. Muslins thus prepared are applicable to various uses in dress.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE DEATH OF CHRISTIAN OLNHAUSEN & CRAWFORD, having dissolved the firm of OLNHAUSEN & CRAWFORD, the undersigned will continue the business at the old stand, JOHN CRAWFORD.

Pittsburgh, December 31, 1867.

The business of the late firm of OLNHAUSEN & CRAWFORD will be conducted from this date by the undersigned, under the firm and style of JOHN CRAWFORD & CO.

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STATE NEWS.

The *Franklin Repository*, at Chambersburg, one of the oldest newspapers in the state, entered upon the seventy-fifth year of its existence on Wednesday. Messrs. McClure & Stoner make an excellent paper and deserve success.

The house of Dr. John Edgar, a poor cripple, unable to walk, residing in Harrison City, Westmoreland county, was entered on the 27th of December, between the hours of 12 and 6 o'clock, a. m., while he and his wife were fast asleep in bed, and robbed of a pocket book containing about seventeen or eighteen dollars. The pocket book containing the money was locked up in a small electrical machine, under the bed on which they lay.

On the 18th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers died at the residence of her son, in Salisbury, Lehigh county, Pa., at the good old age of one hundred years, one month and twenty days. She was born on the 28th of October, 1767, was married in 1793; leaves five surviving children, twenty-eight grand-children, eighty-eight great-grand-children, and three great-great-grand-children.

The forthcoming annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of Lancaster county will show that the Commissioners have, during the year just ended, paid off $52,000 of the debt of the county. At the beginning of the fiscal year the indebtedness was $215 000. This has been reduced to $149 000.

Messrs. William and Daniel Bement, the unfortunate men who were so frightfully bruised and scalded by the explosion of the boiler on Lease No. 15, of Benninghoff Hill, on Saturday afternoon last, have since died. Mr. Daniel Bement expired at ten o'clock on Saturday night, and Mr. William Bement lingered until seven o'clock on Sunday morning.

The Masonic fraternity of Philadelphia have purchased a property one hundred and fifty by two hundred and fifty feet at the corner of Broad and Filbert streets, that city, upon which they propose to erect a temple the full size of the property and three stories high, to cost three-quarters of a million dollars. The contract has been let and the corner stone will be laid on next St. John's day, and the building to be completed five years thereafter. It will be one of the finest as well as the most costly structures of the kind in the world.

A sad accident occurred at Connellsville on Monday. Henry Frazer, only son of Dr. J. B. Frazer, and George F. Mantor, only son of Col. Frank Mantor, were skating on a pond which supplies water to one of the brickyards, when the first named broke through the ice. George Mantor nobly undertook to rescue his playmate, but failed, and both were drowned. They were both very bright, interesting lads—Frazer ten years old and Mantor almost twelve—and were much loved by the community.

On the morning of the 19th ult., the old Hall grist mill, near Connellsville, Crawford county, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Henry Christy, the miller, perishing in the flames. The deceased, who was upwards of seventy six years of age, and had been a soldier in the war of 1812, lived in the mill with his son William and his family.

The oil refinery of Messrs. Ward & Brown, in Erie, was destroyed by fire on Monday evening. Loss, $1,500.

The Meadville *Republican* says that the late pastor of the Baptist Church at Spring, in that county, was waited on by a respectable citizen the other day and notified that he could have one hour to leave town, and that if he did not do so he would be treated to a neat suit of tar and feathers. Without asking any questions or making any delay he started. The proper intimacy with a young girl of his church is the alleged cause of the summary notice. According to her statements they were planning to elope. She is deeply grieved over the sudden departure of her pious admirer. The neighbors have kindly provided for the wife and family of the recent pastor, and much sympathy is expressed for them.

Doctor J. H. Gihon, of Philadelphia, has been appointed Private Secretary of Governor Geary, vice J. R. Dunglison.

The Dauphin county, Pa., almshouse is crowded to its utmost capacity.

The large and handsome Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia, caught fire from a defective flue on Wednesday night, while a fireman's ball was in progress. Had it not been for the presence of the firemen, the building would doubtless have been destroyed.

Governor Geary has appointed General Provost Major General of the First Division Pennsylvania militia. He has been connected with the volunteer service during the past thirty years, and is one of the original of the Gray Reserve Regiment, being now its colonel. At the call of the Corn Exchange Association he took command of their regiment, the One Hundred and Eighteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers. When disabled by wounds he was transferred to the Sixteenth Veteran Reserves.

It is said that all the oil pipes that were put across the Allegheny this fall have been carried away by the ice, save perhaps Munhall's. This will not only be a heavy loss, but will prove a serious inconvenience to shippers. But some arrangement will be made to remedy the accident, so that the shipment by the Allegheny Valley Railroad will not be materially affected.

Meetings have been held in Mercersburg, Chambersburg and Gettysburg successive evenings of the past week, as a part of the general movement to secure in the United States constitution a distinct recognition of Almighty God as the source of all power and authority in civil government, of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the ruler of nations, and the supreme authority of the divine law.

A fatal shooting case occurred in Philadelphia on New Year's Day. A party of young men dressed in fantastical costume, started out on a tour among their friends, to engage in something like "mummer's sports." One of them, named George W. Rumel, was the spokesman of the party, and delivered a set speech at each house visited. At one of the houses, after Rumel had concluded his humorous address, George W. Mayberry, of the party, walked up behind Rumel and discharged a pistol at a tall hat he wore. The pistol, it is said, had no ball or shot in it, but the wad passed through the hat and into the brain, causing death in a very short time. The deceased leaves a wife and several children. Mayberry gave himself up to the police and was held to await the result of the Coroner's inquest.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

—The recent announcement of the consolidation of railroads in the Oil region was premature. The project is not yet consummated, and may be altogether abandoned.

The Buffalo and Erie Railroad Company have issued regulations to their engineers and conductors, requiring trains to be run over bridges, trestle-work and embankments at a much lower rate of speed than has been customary.

—There is a balance of $125 due toward paying the right of way for the Cross Cut Railroad through Sherman, Chautauqua county, and an amateur dramatic society of that place gave an exhibition at the hall there, on New Year's night, for the purpose of raising the amount.

—The Zanesville *Courier* says: "The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Central Ohio division' is doing a heavier freighting business than it has ever done since the road was built. The freight from Chicago and the Northwest, passing through, is enormous."

—The Bucyrus, Ohio, *Journal* gives the following as the route of the new road proposed to be made by the company organized at that place recently: It is proposed to commence the Western Central Railway at West Salem, Wayne county, Ohio, forming at that place a direct connection with the Atlantic and Great Western Railway; proceeding thence west, crossing the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad, and the M. S. & N. I. R. R. at Shelby, Richland county, Ohio; thence continuing, crossing the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. at Bucyrus, Crawford county, Ohio, the C. D. & E. R. R. at Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, and the D. & M. R. R. at Wapakoneta, passing through St. Mary's, Auglaize county, Ohio, and continuing west in Indiana through the counties of Jay, Blackford, Grant and Miami, to the city of Logansport, forming a direct and square connection with the great route to the Pacific, and also a short line to Chicago.

—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, held January 1st, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: J. N. McCullough, Wellsville; A. Stone, Jr., Cleveland; S. Witt, Cleveland; J. H. Wade, Cleveland; T. P. Handy, Cleveland; J. H. Banker, New York; James Steward, New York; H. C. Stinson, New York; Thomas Slocomb, New York; J. H. Devereaux, Cleveland; B. F. Jones, Pittsburgh; J. W. Chalfant, Pittsburgh. At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were elected: J. N. McCullough, President; J. H. Devereaux, Vice President; G. A. Ingersoll, Secretary.

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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.—ALL persons interested will take notice that Letters Testamentary have this day been issued by the Register of Allegheny county to the undersigned, Executors of the last will and testament of JAMES WOOD, late of the city of Pittsburgh, deceased. All persons indebted to the estate of said deceased will call and make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will forthwith present the same, duly proved, for settlement to the undersigned, at No. 112 WOOD STREET, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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HARRISBURG, December 18, 1867.

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TO THE
HOLDERS OF THE
LOANS
OF THE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
DUE JULY 1st, 1868.

THE FOLLOWING
LOANS,
DUE JULY 1st, 1868,
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CHANGE OF TIME. On and after SUNDAY, December 8th, 1867, Trains will leave and arrive at Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows:

PITTSBURGH Time.

	Depart.	Arrive.
Mail Express	2:15 a m	3:55 p m
Fast Line	9:40 a m	1:30 a m
Fast Express	2:50 p m	10:35 a m
Mixed Way	6:10 a m	6:30 p m
M'Donald's Ac'n No. 1	11:10 a m	4:30 p m
Steubenville Accom'n	3:55 p m	10:05 a m
M'Donald's Ac'n No. 2	5:20 p m	8:20 a m

SPECIAL NOTICE—Sunday Express leaves at 9:50 p. m., arriving in Cincinnati at 6:50 a. m. next morning.
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From November 25th, 1867, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, North Side, Pittsburgh, City Time, as follows:

DEPART.	ARRIVE.
Chicago Exp., 2:15 a m	Chicago Ex., 2:35 a m
Cleveland Ex., 4:15 a m	Cleveland Ex., 4:35 a m
Erie & Y'go Ex 6:45 a m	Chicago Ex., 10:58 a m
Cl. & Wing'n, 8:58 a m	Wooster Ac., 11:30 a m
Chicago Mail 9:00 a m	Chicago Ex., 1:55 p m
Chicago Ex., 9:45 a m	Cl. & Wg. Ex., 3:03 p m
Erie & Y'go Ex 12:30 p m	Erie & Y'go Ex 5:10 p m
via Youngst'n 9:45 a m	Chicago Ex., 6:38 p m
Cl. & Wing'n, 4:15 p m	Cl. & Wg. Ac., 7:00 p m
Chicago Ex., 4:28 p m	Pitts & Cin'ti Ex
Whp. & Erie Ex 5:35 p m	via Youngst'n 9:28 p m

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N. Brit'n Acc.... 8:30 a m	N. Brit'n Acc.... 7:05 a m
Leetsdale Acc. 10:45 a m	N. Brit'n Acc.... 9:38 a m
Leetsdale Acc. 11:52 a m	Wellsville Ac.... 9:55 a m
Rochester Ac.. 1:35 p m	N. Castle Acc... 10:15 a m
Wellsville Ac. 3:45 p m	Leetsdale Acc 11:25 a m
Leetsdale Acc. 5:05 p m	Leetsdale Acc. 1:18 p m
N. Brit'n Acc. 5:25 p m	N. Brit'n Acc. 4:15 p m
N. Brit'n Acc. 6:38 p m	Leetsdale Acc. 4:23 p m
Leetsdale Acc. 10:42 p m	Leetsdale Acc. 7:40 p m

☞ 2:15 A. M. Chicago Express leaves daily.
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PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL RAILROAD—On and after OCTOBER 6, 1867, trains arrive at and depart from the Union Depot, corner of Washington and Liberty streets, as follows:

Arrive.	Depart.
Mail Train.....1:30 a m	Day Express...2:00 a m
Fast Line.....1:50 a m	Wall's No. 1...6:20 a m
Wall's No. 1...6:40 a m	Mail Train...8:30 a m
Benton No. 2...7:50 a m	Wall's No.

The Daily Commercial

CITY MATTERS.

SEVERELY BITTEN BY A DOG.—A small boy, while engaged delivering newspapers on Federal street, above the North Common, Allegheny, yesterday morning, was severely bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. Mark. The dog seized the boy by the fleshy part of the leg, and lacerated it badly.

MISS CLARA BARTON.—We learn from a reliable source that this talented lady lecturer will favor this city with a professional visit during the month of February. She was engaged during the war in administering to the wants of our sick and wounded soldiers. Since the war she has gained an enviable reputation as a lecturer.

CITY MORTALITY.—Dr. A. G. McCandless, Physician of the Board of Health, reports the number of interments in the city for the week ending December 29, 1867, at fifteen. The causes of death were as follows: Pneumonia, 1; unknown, 1; heart disease, 1; cirrhosis, 1; convulsions, 1; hydrothorax, 1; consumption, 2; small-pox, 1; premature birth, 2; pneumonia, 3; disease of brain, 1. Of the above there were under 1 year, 5; from 1 to 10, 2; from 20 to 30, 2; from 30 to 40, 2; from 40 to 50, 2; from 50 to 60, 1; from 60 to 70, 1. Males, 9; females, 6; white, 15; colored, 0; total, 15.

THE LATE ARSON CASE.—Michael Scarl and John Hughes, alias "Bobby" Hughes, the parties charged with setting fire to Wallace's machine shop, on Liberty street, early on Christmas morning, had a partial hearing before Alderman Bailey, of the Sixth ward, yesterday, and were committed to jail in default of two thousand dollars bail each, for a further hearing this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Another charge has been lodged against Scarl, other information having been sworn out before Deputy Mayor Gourley, for \$500. He was committed to jail from John Cagney. A final commitment on this charge will be lodged against him to-day.

WORKINGMEN'S NOMINATIONS IN ALLEGHENY.—The Fourth ward, Allegheny, Labor League met at their hall on Thursday evening, and nominated Henry Schelcher, of the Second ward, for Mayor, and Jacob Stuckrath, for Director of the Poor. The following ward ticket was also nominated: Select Council—Thomas A. Armstrong; Common Council—Adam Dohrer, Jr.; Assessor—Benjamin Lutton; Judge of Elections—First Precinct, Mr. Philips; Second, Henry Schelcher; Third, Reed; Return Inspector—do., George Blakey; Judge of Election—Second precinct, Mr. Hoffman; Inspector—do., W. B. Tompkins; Return Inspector—do., Henry Mertz.

POST 85, G. A. R.—Post No. 85, of Allegheny City, Grand Army of the Republic, has elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term: Post Comd., J. R. Oxley; Senior Vice Comd., Chas. S. Wilson; Junior, William Harvey; Q. M., John P. McHenry; Adjutant, C. A. Miller; officer of Day, J. C. Campbell; Officer of Guard, Samuel Hays; Surgeon, William P. Bishop; Chaplain, J. C. Martin; Sergeant-Major, C. Hoffman; Quartermaster-Sergeant, Hess. The following delegates were also elected to represent the Post at the State Convention, to be held on the 29th inst.: Messrs. J. R. Oxley, D. A. Jones, August Rickert, Alfred Cradle, J. P. McHenry, J. C. Martin, C. A. Miller, Jr.

Man Drowned—Coroner's Inquest.

Yesterday morning Coroner Clawson, in response to a telegraphic dispatch from Economy, visited McKeesport for the purpose of holding an inquest on the body of a man found in the Monongahela river. Upon arriving at the borough the Coroner empanelled a jury and proceeded to the discharge of his duty. From the evidence adduced before the inquest it appeared that the name of the deceased was John Simmons, an old bachelor, aged fifty-one years, by no means a resident of the borough. The property of Mr. Robert Seely, of McKeesport. He was an industrious man, but for some time past had been addicted to dissipation. On Saturday last, while on the river bank, he was seized with convulsions, fell into the river and, before assistance could be rendered him, was drowned. Search was made for the body all day Monday, but it was not found until Tuesday. The jury, after hearing all the evidence that could be adduced, rendered a verdict of accidental death. Mr. Seely took charge of the body, and interred it at his own expense.

A Handsome Testimonial.

The prayer meeting of the young folks connected with the First Baptist Church, Rev. James S. Dickson, pastor, was held last evening in the church edifice, on Fourth street. After the close of the service Mr. M. C. Fry, late superintendent of the Sabbath School connected with the church which position he has ably filled for several years past, was the recipient of a handsome silver pitcher, and a present from the officers and teachers of the school. The former contained the following inscription: "Presented to M. C. Fry, two handsome gold lined goblets, and a rich silver pitcher, which articles were presented on behalf of the donors by Professor Carey, who had led the exercises of the evening, and who accompanied the gift with a few appropriate remarks, to which Mr. Fry replied in an appropriate manner, thanking the donors for their kind gift, and also for their wishes. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Dickerson, made a few remarks complimentary to Mr. Fry for his services in behalf of the Sabbath School. After a few moments of social intercourse the meeting dispersed. The pitcher was purchased by the well known jewelers, Messrs. Dunseath & Haslett, No. 56 Fifth avenue, and corresponds to them for the superior workmanship displayed in its get-up and finish.

The Death of Mr. Charles Ebbert.

The Committee appointed at the regular meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, held at their rooms on the 28th ult., to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the members of the Association on the death of Mr. Charles Ebbert, submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from our midst our well beloved friend and brother, Charles Ebbert, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Young Men's Christian Association, in recognizing the hand of Him "who doeth all things well," and bowing submissively to His divine will, do sincerely deplore the loss of our friend and brother.

Resolved, That while we deplore we remember his many virtues and his Christian influence, which was exerted upon all those with whom he associated, and

Resolved, That while we sympathize with his family in this, their hour of deep affliction, we also rejoice with them in the assurance that he is safe at home, "where the wicked cease troubling and the weary are at rest."

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Association, and a copy of the same sent to the family of deceased.

Sabbath School Anniversary.

The Mount Albion Sabbath School held their annual reunion on New Year's morning, at the new and commodious school house on Mount Albion, a short distance beyond Lawrenceville. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the room was well filled with bright and happy faces and still happier hearts. The school is not under the supervision of any church, but is strictly missionary in its character. Though the field is a hard one, through the efficient management of its officers, it has progressed in all its elements of a live, working Sabbath School. The exercises were opened by a song entitled "Happy New Year to all" which was ably rendered by an amateur choir, composed of young ladies of the district, after which the following programme was carried out shortly afterwards, Bethel's congregation another disturbance, when officer Hogue interfered to arrest him. Mrs. Hetchey struck the officer on the head with a broomstick and attempted to strike him a second time. Mr. Hogue then called to his assistance some citizens, who took charge of Mrs. Hetchey, while he pursued Bethel to his residence, on Mundy's alley, hearing was had, when Mr. Hetchey was discharged and Bethel was committed to jail for ninety days, and in default of the payment of a fine of twenty-five dollars. He was, however, subsequently released.

[Before Alderman Mullin, of Allegheny.]

Alderman D. M. Mullin, of the Fourth ward, Allegheny, who has been absent from the city for several days past, has returned and opened his office.

STEALING PET RABBITS.—

There appeared before him yesterday, Adam Manrod, a resident of the Third ward, Allegheny, who made an information against a young man and boy, named George and Lawrence Sneath, for larceny. The lads were charged with stealing, on Monday last, stolen from the prosecutor's stable, two pet rabbits. They were arrested and held for a hearing.

Before Burgess Barbour, of roof of Pittsburgh.]

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.—

Margaret Elliott and Mary A. Moore, against whom informations were lodged by Anthony Lonhard charging them with the larceny of certain articles of wearing apparel from the dooryard of his house, were arraigned yesterday, and in default of the hundred dollars bail each, they were committed to jail.

A DOMESTIC DIFFICULTY.—

Patrick Gallagher lodged an information against his wife, Fanny Gallagher, charging her with having committed an assault and battery upon him on Thursday last. Patrick is a hard-working man, and one of his wife for drunkenness. Both parties were committed to jail in default of bail in the sum of three hours in default of the payment of a fine, and the wife in default of the hundred dollars bail for a hearing before Mr. Monday afternoon.

Before Justice Patterson, of the Ninth Ward.]

RIOT, BASE BALL PLAYING AND SUNDRY.—

Justice James Patterson, of Ninth ward, yesterday, committed to the county jail, for trial, five men, named John Sourty, John Harper, Edward Farley, Wm. Dorrage, and Daniel Dougherty, employees of Kelly & Coal Works, near that place, charged Arthur Smith, a son of Wm. Smith, on oath of Mr. John A. Wilson, who is also a resident of the locality. The charge was one of riot, base ball playing and sundry.

Before Alderman Lindsay, of Allegheny.]

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—

A man named Martin McCandless was arrested yesterday by officer Chess, charged with committing a violent assault and battery upon a boy named Andrew Devlin. In default of three hundred dollars bail the accused was committed to jail for trial.

Quarterly Report of the United States Local Inspectors.

Messrs. Samuel Walker and George H. Atkinson, United States Local Inspectors for the port of Pittsburgh, filed their quarterly report yesterday with Hon. Wilson McCandless, Judge of the United States District Court. The following is the report:

We have the honor to herewith submit our report of the doings of this board for the quarter, ending December 31, 1867. Since October 1st, 1867, we have inspected the following steamers, viz: Passengersteamers, 10; towing steamers, 48; ferry, 1; freight, 1; total, 60. Number of boilers, 125. Aggregate tonnage of boilers, \$13,922 50-100 tons. We have issued licenses to fifteen engineers after a rigid examination, we have found a number of boilers requiring repairs, and ordered said repairs to be made, which was speedily and cheerfully done. In no case was any objection made, and that the proper officers informed in the affirmative, they did all they could to forward.

We have no accident to report, either from explosion or collision, and are happy to say that no lives have been lost. Two towing boats were sunk by ice, and one passenger steamer, the La Belle No. 2, was sunk in the Ohio river near opposite Brandenburg the last quarter we have refused original license as engineers to two persons, because of incompetency. We are pleased to say that we have found no difficulty in carrying out the law, as all concerned seem willing and anxious to comply with all its provisions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL WALKER,
GEO. H. ATKINSON,
U. S. Local Inspectors.

A FOUNDLING.—On Thursday evening about seven o'clock, the family of Mr. Erastus St. John, residing at the corner of Beaver street and Benton alley, in the Second ward, Allegheny, heard a loud rap at the kitchen door, which opens out in the alley, and upon opening the door discovered a large basket. Upon opening the basket, a female child, apparently about two weeks old, was found therein, warmly enveloped in blankets. It was provided with a bottle of milk. A large Newfoundland dog kept watch over the basket until the door was opened and the basket and its human contents removed into the house, when it started off with a bound. An attempt was made to follow it, but it soon evaded pursuit. The little waif was tenderly cared for, and the humane will probably adopt it. There is no clue that would lead to the identification of the parents of the child.

NEW ORLEANS SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—We call the attention of our city and country merchants to the advertisement of Wm. Miller, late Miller & Richetson, corner of Irwin and Liberty streets, of a large receipt of New Orleans sugar and molasses, which he is offering at the lowest market price. These articles are of a superior quality, and the first of the season.

BOARDING HOUSE ROBBERY.—Two men, who have been boarding for a few days past at a house on the corner of Penn and Rush streets, in the Ninth ward, absented themselves yesterday, taking with them two watches, a pocket book and couple of vests belonging to two other boarders, who were railroad employees. No trace of the lads has been obtained.

Try Dr. Keyser's Shoulder Braces

There is no invention of recent origin at all equal to those important appliances. They answer the double purpose of Suspenders and Shoulder Braces. They are neat in their construction, and evince an adaptation to the wants of all those who may have acquired a stooped or unnatural conformation. Hundreds of ladies who seem bent under the load of half a dozen skirts should avail themselves of these unique conformations, whilst the healthy and strong will perpetuate health and strength by a timely resort to them. Sold at the Doctor's Great Medicine Store, 140 Wood street.

The Season of Coughs.

Let no one who has contracted a cough or cold postpone an early application for relief in that best of all medicines known as DR. KEYSER'S PECTORAL COUGH SYRUP. It is the prescription of an eminent physician, and will be applicable in all recent cases of coughs and colds, which are apt to slip into people's systems in just such slushy and open weather as we have at this time. Why delay curing a cough in its inception when so agreeable a medicine can be had at your nearest druggist's, or at the Doctor's great Medicine store, 140 Wood street.

The Wet Weather.

Thousands of people, in weather like this, stand on the street till they absorb enough of damp to give them half a dozen of colds. The perspiration is checked, cough ensues, and the foundations of some, perhaps, incurable pulmonary diseases are laid. We speak in all seriousness when we say that Dr. KEYSER'S PECTORAL COUGH SYRUP will relieve, in a few doses, most of these incipient coughs and colds. It were better to avoid the exposure, if possible, but if not avoided, we know of no surer and safer remedy than Dr. Keyser's Pectoral Syrup. Sold at the Doctor's great medicine store, 140 Wood street.

J. W. Barker & Co.'s Great Final Semi-Annual Closing out Sale at Wholesale and Retail.

We have recently had several occasions to notice the unprecedented sale going on at the extensive dry goods house of J. W. Barker & Co., No. 59 Market street, Pittsburgh. We once more request attention to it for the reason that it has assumed a new and important feature. This is, briefly, the *determination* of the firm to close out its present stock as soon as possible, and to accomplish this it has reduced the price of goods to the *very lowest possible figure*. If ever there was presented a golden opportunity for country merchants to replenish their stock at a mere nominal sum, we certainly think that this is, and an exceedingly rare one at that, for by referring to J. W. Barker & Co.'s half column advertisement on the second page of to-day's COMMERCIAL, it will be seen that this firm are offering goods at what strikes us must be ruinous rates; nevertheless they mean precisely what they say in their advertisement we are convinced, for no mercantile house in this community enjoys a higher reputation for fair dealing and strict integrity than J. W. Barker & Co. We observe that many goods are offered at prices *below* what was the general average prior to the late rebellion, and as we have personally inspected the stock we feel prepared to use a familiar expression, to say that they "would be cheap at twice the money." We hope our readers will call on them or will take advantage of this unprecedented sale and save themselves time and money, as well as the fatigues of a trip to the Eastern or Western cities where they frequently make purchases. This sale will include both the retail and wholesale departments. Our citizens generally should remember this fact and visit the sale which will commence on next Monday morning. Let every housekeeper, and in every married person, nay, all who are in the habit of supplying themselves with dry goods, read J. W. Barker & Co.'s advertisement, on our second page, and make a note of the article, *below*, per-gold prices, which they will find therein, and then promptly repair to the store and make their purchases. Take the price list along with you, as it will materially facilitate your "shopping excursion."

Thirty Dollars Reward.

If the "Indian Herb Doctor" fails to describe disease and tell his patients the nature of their complaints or illness without receiving any information from them.

No charge for consultation or advice. Office, No. 194 Liberty street.

Country Merchants

Read Barker's advertisement.

In Advance Again!

Spence, No. 73 Market street.

A New Years' Lesson.

With the beginning of every new year mankind are prone to look ahead into the future in anticipation of greater successes in life, and the enjoyment of its resulting blessings. But how frequently are all these laudable hopes and aspirations suddenly and unexpectedly dashed to the earth. Disease is the principal barrier which opposes men and clogs the operations of their vital organization, when they least expect it. To guard against this becomes, therefore, a duty with every man, especially with those upon whom others are dependent for the creature comforts of life. And to do it effectually we cannot take a surer and safer step than to begin at once by *purifying our blood*. If the seeds of disease which course through our veins are totally eradicated, and our blood is kept pure, we may rely upon enjoying lengthened days. With pure blood, a healthy stomach, and vigorous constitution, we can defie disease in always-nine cases out of every hundred; but great care should be exercised in selecting the agents to do this important work for us. No medicine ever introduced to the American public has proved to be so invaluable as *Mohler's celebrated Herb Bitters*. This medicine possesses astonishing virtues, which have elicited the unanimous praise and the warmest commendations of the press of the country. It is taken as a tonic and is pleasant to the taste, and its effects are almost immediate in showing themselves. These Bitters may be taken by old and young, and can be had at all respectable druggists. But be sure to ask for *Mohler's Herb Bitters* and do take any other kinds. Branch House, No. 26 Market street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Fahnestock & Holton, Managers.

Turn To

Barker's advertisement.

Pine Tree Tar Troches.

Benton's Pine Tree Tar Troches, wholesale and retail, at Sample's Apothecary shop, corner of Federal and Robinson streets, Allegheny.

50—See the Low Prices—57.

In Boots, Shoes, Gums, Clothing, Carpets, Furs, Blankets and Notions at the Mammoth Auction Emporium of Smithson, Palmer & Co., 55 and 57 Fifth street. A call is solicited before purchasing elsewhere, as we have orders to close out balance of consignments regardless of invoice prices.

Private sale this day and evening.

Bay Rum Soap

Will prevent the hands from chapping. Use it. Sold by Clark, Druggist, 108 Fifth street.

Par-Gold Prices.

See Barker's advertisement.

EVERY MOTHER who regards the life and health of her child should possess "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." It is an old and well-tried remedy. It relieves the child from pain, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures wind colic, regulates the stomach and bowels, and, by giving rest and health to the child, comforts the mother. Offices, 215 Fulton street, New York, and 205 High Holborn, London, England. Be sure and call for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," having the *fac simile* of "Curtis & Perkins" on the outside wrapper. All others are base imitations.

Gents' Underwear,

At Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 82 Wood street,

Remarkable Cure of Chronic Catarrh—Diminished in Weight 30 Pounds—Under Dr Aborn's Treatment the Patient Gained 33 Pounds.

Testified to by Dr. R. B. Brown, of Troy, Jefferson County.

Dr. E. S. Aborn, No. 134 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Dear Sir:—Some twelve or fourteen years since I was seized with Catarrh of the Head, which, despite all the efforts of four skilled medical men, continued to grow worse until my throat became seriously affected. The head discharges were a source of constant annoyance and very offensive. My constitution soon began to give away under the fearful ravages of the disease, so that I lost thirty pounds in weight. I had despaired of securing relief until referred to you by Henry Brown, of Jefferson county, whom you had cured of deafness. It is now one year since I commenced your treatment, and I am rejoiced to say that by your skill and treatment I am now quite restored to a healthy state. Since under your treatment I have gained thirty-three pounds, which is three pounds heavier than I have ever weighed before. The serious nature of my condition, and the remarkable changes brought about by your treatment, convinced me that the most desperate cases need not despair of hope.

December 3, 1867. Clarion county, Pa.

P. S.—Dr. R. B. Brown, of Troy, Jefferson county, Pa., is familiar with the nature of my case, and your successful treatment, and may be referred to relative thereto.

CHRONIC CATARRH CURED.

TESTIMONIAL FROM HON. M. C. BEEBE, OF PLEASANTVILLE, PA.

Late Member of the House of Representatives.

Dr. Aborn, No. 134 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Dear Sir:—Some five years ago my son Willie commenced showing symptoms of Catarrh of the Head, which continued to grow worse until his system was so debilitated as to preclude an active enjoyment of the sports of childhood or pursuance of his studies. He could attend at school, and at times was entirely prostrated with lingering fever—some times, for weeks together, with a constant manifestation of the symptoms of the disease, such as constant hacking, nostril discharges, &c., irritation of the throat, &c., causing nausea. All the usual appliances and treatment of physicians, &c., had failed to afford relief, until you were applied to during your professional visit at Titusville last winter, when he began to improve immediately after commencing your treatment, and continued to improve, until now he enjoys a good state of health, and is able to participate in the active sports of childhood with ease, as well as pursue his studies without interruption. I have omitted to make this statement heretofore, as I wished to be satisfied that the relief was permanent. M. C. BEEBE.

PLEASANTVILLE, Pa., Oct. 24, 1867.

NOTE.—The above can be consulted upon the various diseases of the Eye, Ear, Head, Throat and the organs of the chest, at about two weeks from date, at his rooms 134 Smithfield street.

Great Final Sale.

See Barker's advertisement.

Polytrichum.

For the hair, manufactured and sold, wholesale and retail, at *the Allegheny City Drug Store*, corner of Federal and Robinson streets.

Cheap Dry Goods.

See Barker's advertisement.

Gents' Morning Wrappers,

At Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

Everybody

Read Barker's advertisement.

The Latest Novels,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Interesting to Ladies.

See Barker's advertisement.

Misses' Velvet Cloaks,

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Barker's

Advertisement in another column.

Ladies' and Misses' Furs.

New stock. Very rich. At McCord & Co.'s, 131 Wood street.

Opticle Instruments.

Of every description, at Stiferns's, 15 St. Clair street.

Don't Fail

To read Barker's advertisement.

Gold Pens, Pencils, &c.,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Ladies' Velvet Cloaks,

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Dry Goods Merchants

Read Barker's advertisement.

The Comic Monthlies,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Paris, London, New York

Styles at Spence's, 73 Market street.

"1868" Ties and Bows,

At Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

New Style for 1868

At McCord & Co., Hatters, 131 Wood street.

The Monthly Magazines,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

1868, New Styles, 1868.

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Twenty-Five Cent Edition

Of *Dickens's Works*, at Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Children's Styles for 1868.

At McCord & Co.'s, Hatters. No. 131 Wood street.

Spectacles,

Gold, Silver and Steel Frames, at Stiferen's, No. 15 St. Clair street.

LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN'S FURS at private sale this day and evening at auction prices at the mammoth emporium of Smithson, Palmer & Co., 55 and 57 Fifth street.

Latest Bugle Trimmings,

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Ear Muffs! Ear Muffs!!

Just received at McCord & Co.'s, No. 131 Wood street.

Twenty-Five Cent Edition

Of *Dickens's Works*, at Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Drawing Instruments.

Buy the best, at Stiferns's, 15 St. Clair street.

The Weekly Pictorials,

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Fine Tree Tar Troches.

Benton's Pine Tree Tar Troches, wholesale and retail, at Sample's Apothecary shop, corner of Federal and Robinson streets, Allegheny.

BOOTS, SHOES, GUMS, Arctic and Buffalo overshoes, shawls, blankets, flannels, prints, muslins, carpets, clothing and notions at private sale this day at auction prices, at the mammoth emporium of Smithson, Palmer & Co., 55 and 57 Fifth street.

Ladies' Emporium,

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Anti-War Prices.

See Barker's advertisement.

A Fine Assortment

Of new and choice Perfumery at Clark's, 103 Fifth street.

Try Them—Buy Them.

The celebrated Parabola Spectacles. At Stiferns's, 15 St. Clair street.

Drawers and Undershirts,

At Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

Elegant Clothing

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Be Sure

And read Barker's advertisement.

Games, Toy Books, etc.,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Polytrichum.

For the hair, manufactured and sold, wholesale and retail, at *the Allegheny City Drug Store*, corner of Federal and Robinson streets.

Stereoscopic Views,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

Trimmings, Buttons, &c.,

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Beautiful Chromos,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

All Reliable

Patent medicines for sale at lowest cash rates at Clark's Drug Store, 103 Fifth street.

Crisis in Dry Goods.

See Barker's advertisement.

Morrison's "star" Shirts,

At Oppenheimer & Co.'s, No. 83 Wood street.

Basques, Sacques, etc.,

At Spence's, 73 Market street.

Ladies' Wallets,

At Hogle & Chambers's, 74 Fifth street.

GREAT AUCTION SALE OF FURS, ROBES, GLOVES, ect., on Monday, at Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, 55 and 57 Fifth street. See advertisement of Smithson, Palmer & Co., in auction column.

BALDNESS, GREYNESS, AND OTHER IMPERFECTIONS of the Hair will be regarded as inexcusable after a trial of MRS. A. Allen's (improved (new style) Hair Restorer or Dressing, (in one bottle.) Every Druggist sells it. Price One Dollar. TSF

Selling Off at Cost.

A rare stock of jewelry at Reineman, Meyran & Seldle's, No. 29 Fifth street, prior to removing into their new and elegant building, No. 42 Fifth street. tf.

Instantaneous Cures.

Corns, Bunions and Diseased Nails.—Dr. Randall, the well known chiropodist, is again in our city, and requests us to state that he can be consulted at his office, corner of Fifth and Ross streets.

The Great Pictorial Annual.

Hostetter's United States Almanac for 1868, for distribution, *gratis*, throughout the United States and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere, will be published about the first of January, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains. In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes, prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the merchant, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer, the planter and professional man; and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive NATIONAL CALENDAR.

The nature, uses and extraordinary sanitary effects of HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS, the staple tonic and alterative of more than half the Christian world, are fully set forth in its pages, which are also interspersed with pictorial illustrations, valuable recipes for the household, and numerous amusing reading matter, original and selected. Among the annuals to appear with the opening of the year, this will be one of the most useful, and *may be had for the asking*. Send for copies to the Central Manufactory, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or to the nearest agents for HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. The BITTERS are sold in every city, town and village of the United States.

Similia Similibus Curantur.

ERUPTIONS, SALT RHEUM, ERYSIPELAS.

It is now generally admitted that all eruptive diseases depend upon some internal or constitutional cause, and that to use washes or ointments for them is a sure way to injure the system, and only to drive in, not to cure the disease. But DR. HARRISON'S CELEBRATED HOMŒOPATHIC SALT RHEUM PILLS are a true specific for all such diseases. They cure Salt Rheum, Barber's Itch, Erysipelas, Pimples on the Face, Ringworm, and Nettle Rash, by acting in the cause upon which they depend, and by restoring the skin to the state of health and purity. Thus, not only is the disease cured, but the softness and beauty of the complexion restored. Price, 25 cents per box, with directions. Six boxes, \$1 25.

FAMILY CASES

Of 25 large vials, morocco case, containing a specific for *every ordinary disease a family is subject to* and a book of directions - - \$10 00

Smaller FAMILY and TRAVELING cases with 20 to 25 vials from - - - \$5 to 8

Specifics for all Private Diseases, both for Curing and for Preventive treatment, in vials and pocket cases. - - - - \$2 to 5

These Remedies, by the case or single box, are sent to any part of the world with perfect as well as private safety, on receipt of the price. Address HUMPHREYS' SPECIFIC

Homœopathic Medicine Company,

Office and Depot, No. 562 Broadway, New York.

Dr. Humphreys is consulted daily at his office, personally or by letter, as above, for all forms of disease.

B. L. FARNESTOCK & CO.,
Wholesale Agents.

A. Torrence, Geo. H. Keyser, E. Miner, Jos. Fleming, McClarran & McKennan, have them at retail.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Pitts. Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

Shoenberger & Blair, 4 cars Wanamun Iron ore; Sligleich & Co., 1 car do; Schoenberger & Co., 1 car do; J. Moorhead & co do; Dilbridge & Son, 250 bbls pork; Lippincott & Co., 1 car do; Hay & Co., 1 do; 125 pieces coarse ticks; T. C. Jenkins, 100 bbls flour; Culp & Co., 1 car do; Hay & Co., 1 do; Marshall & Co., 1 do; W. H. Hays & Son, 33 tcs hams, 10 do lard, 18 bbls pork, 1 do mess; 37 do hams; R. Bibb, 1 car do; Robbins & Co., 1 do; Lippincott & Co., 1 do; Hay & Co., 1 do; Marshall & Co., 20 bbls whisky, 3 do do; 10 do follow; 4 do shelled; J. Dalzell, 19 bbls pork; Hay & Co., 1 car do; Hay & Co., 1 do; W. H. Mullin, 5 carboys; J. Jones, 1 bbl scrap iron; Hay & Co., 1 car do; Hay & Co., 1 do; Hay & Co., 1 car do; Hay & Co., 1 do; Hay & Co., 1 do; Hay & Co., 1